

Meandering days on Marin long gone

THE DOOR OF MY FIBBER McGEE closet blew open one day last week. Obsolete computer manuals, tossed in there to be read later, old love letters tied in blue, the Corona typewriter my mother gave me for my 16th birthday to start me off on the literary life, a green eyeshade, newspapers, paper clips and a bunch of writer's detritus tumbled out.

From the pile and into my view jumped an early effort in space-filling dated August 31, 1989. Whatever was I talking about six long years and 150 columns ago, I wondered.

Headed "A meander down Marin," it's a description of an out-of-car experience walking down Marin, across San Pablo and up Solano Avenue. It goes on about what goes on in our town on no day in particular. It's a one-person 'rees and busaes Stroll, a view of Albany at ground level.

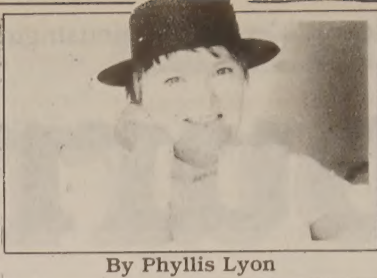
Could change in our town be noticed in six short years, I mused. Is history only what happened a thousand, a hundred or sixty years ago, I wondered further. To satisfy my curiosity, I tied up my trusty Reeboks and set out to retrace my steps in 1995.

NO ONE IS SEEN AT THE CORNER of Marin and Ventura this time. The charming boy selling baseball cards at a table then has grown three feet and taken his entrepreneurial talents elsewhere. My old friend Tom McQuaid, who used to walk his dogs around the block twice a day chatting as he went, has departed for that undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveller returns.

Walking along I see signs of the times tacked to trees and telephone poles, a ticketable offense. Pets lost. Garage sales next Saturday. People longing to buy or rent a house, a little unit, a room in our famous town. A guy who has "bathed in the underground spring of Being" can solve all your problems by virtue of his "piercing insight" say signs on the trees.

PASSING NO ONE, PAST the Marin School where merry children still play tether ball, past the BART tracks, I pause to contemplate the monument to civic ingenuity which was only a glint in the city's eye in 1989: the Library/Community Center. Nowadays the number of feet crossing the threshold of our historic pink palazzo every month exceeds the town's population and then some, they say, but who's counting.

I HOOFED ON DOWN to city hall where, as one of the mosen and shaken, I hoped, against hope, to find out what the movers and shakers are up to. That's harder work than it was in 1989. There's a new wave at city hall. My old pals Mike Koepke, Claudia Cappio, Ron Lefler, John



By Phyllis Lyon

Nachbar, Larry Garcia — all gone. "Park and Rec" is the "Department of Recreation and Community Services," "Public Works" the "Department of Community Development and Environmental Resources" and city hall seems to have gone lah-de-dah along with the changes.

City halls were empty. They were out to lunch, I guess, but had left behind a paper trail of their most recent doings on the table in the foyer.

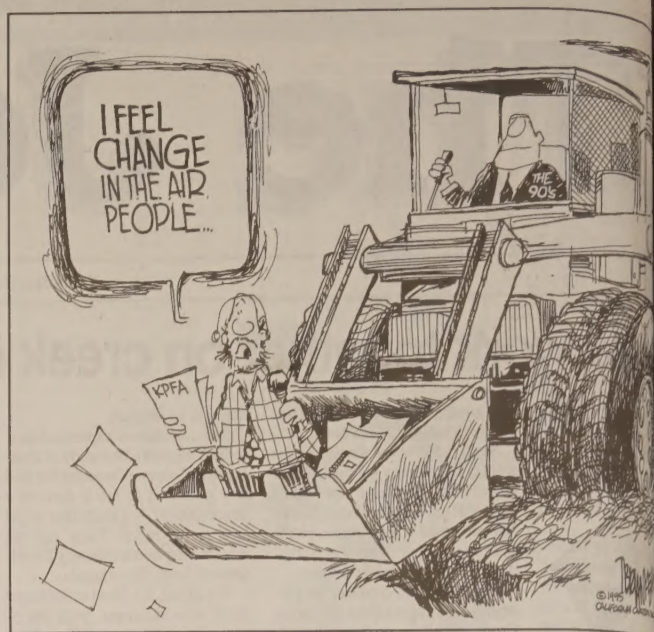
In 1989 there were some chalk marks on the bricks in the foyer, designating a spot to be torn out for a new window into Public Works. I see by the official papers that the little project has expanded into a retrofitting of the whole building at \$120,000 plus the cost of removing asbestos. They are going to tear out the seats in the council chamber, put in movable chairs and lower the heads of councilmembers, during meetings, from the historic three feet to a democratic six inches above the rabble. Probably the barcaloungers will also go. I notice employees will have to use the toilet facilities at the Shell station for six weeks during the work.

Will they leave the peeling old "In God We Trust" which has hung over them forever to the disgruntlement of some citizens, I wondered. If the plan is to keep it, I think I'll go down and campaign to have them add the phrase, "All Others Pay Cash."

AND SO QUICKLY PAST "Happy Donuts," the old Winchell's, past a cowboy dressed all in white linen standing at the corner of San Pablo and Solano, past restaurant menus on the sidewalk offering "hummus with taboukh" and "se-ew," past stores quadrupled or more in size, past a Safeway in chaos and on home.

The most marked change since 1989 in this meander is the noise. It was bad enough then but now it is unbearable. More cars driving 40 or so up and down Marin, cars solid-packed on San Pablo, a continual line of cars on Solano, making U-turns at the drop of a hat, looking for a place to park.

SO NOWADAYS WHEN I take this walk, which is seldom, I attach my Walkman to my ears to blot out the unmerciful roar with Mozart and Shakespeare. Otherwise, I do my walking at Cesar Chavez park and try to be content with looking at Albany from a distance. Of course I have to drive there.



Police Reports

Teenager befriends boy, then steals his

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the evening of Sept. 25 a juvenile, described as black, 14-years-old, and 5-feet tall, reportedly walked into the back yard of a residence on the 1000 block of Cornell Avenue and began playing with the 9-year-old boy who lived there. The teen then asked if he could ride the boy's bike. The boy agreed and followed the teen on a friend's bike. The teen evaded the youth and was last seen going north on Talbot Avenue from Dartmouth Street.

At about noon on Sept. 24 a resident on the 1300 block of Marin Avenue observed two juveniles attempting to steal a bicycle from the rear yard of a residence on Key Route Boulevard. He described the pair as black, about 12-years-old, 5-feet, 6-inches tall and thin build. One was wearing a green shirt with horizontal stripes and black jeans and the other was wearing a blue shirt with red lettering and black jeans. When they saw the witness watching them they left the bike and fled north onto the BART path.

At about 12:30 a.m. on Sept. 26 a Berkeley man was stopped for a vehicle code violation and was given a Field Sobriety Test when he appeared to be intoxicated. He failed the test with a score of .21/.21 He was arrested, booked with out incident and released when he was sober.

Just before midnight on Sept. 25 officers observed an El Cerrito man asleep behind the wheel of

his parked car and woke him to check on his welfare. He was found to have a warrant from Contra Costa County for driving with a suspended license in the amount of \$15,000. He was arrested, cited and released to appear at the Berkeley Municipal Courts.

At about 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 26 a resident on the 900 block of Hillside Avenue was contacted at his residence for an outstanding warrant from Santa Clara County for child abduction and custody violations in the amount of \$1 million. He was unable to post bail and was arrested.

On the night of Sept. 26 vandals used a knife or other sharp object to slash both tires on the right side of a silver 1988 Mazda 626 parked on the 500 block of Pierce Street. There were no witnesses.

At about 5 p.m. on Sept. 27 an Albany man was contacted by Albany Police when he was observed taking recycling items from recycle bins on the 900 block of Madison Street. He agreed to stop, saying that he didn't know that what he was doing was illegal. Later that evening he was stopped, this time on the 900 block of Cerrito Street, again for stealing recycling items from recycle bins. He was directed to put the items back in the bins, was admonished regarding his activities and told to leave.

On the morning of Sept. 28 officers observed a Berkeley man stealing a propane tank from a parked tent trailer on the 1200 block of Ordway Street. He was

stopped and arrested. On the afternoon of Sept. 28 a blue 1986 Chevy reported as stolen block of Pierce Street in Berkeley for minor damage and to the owner.

During the hours of Sept. 28 into a 1993 Nissan 600 block of Cerrito. They were removed and departed unseen.

Between Sept. 28 p.m. on Sept. 29 into a brown 1994 parked on the 500 block of Street, ripped out wires under the street stole various items and departed unseen.

On the afternoon officers observed on the 1000 block of the avenue with expired plates with 21 outstanding citations totaling \$12 was towed.

During the hours of Sept. 29 the convertible top on the 1000 block of Avenue, stole several tapes and departed.

During the week Albany officers saw three people at their nine cars, responsible alarms, picked up a cat, assisted five people locked out of their cars and responded to barking dogs.

Letters to the Editor

Stands by his record

Editor:

I am responding to Thom Stark's letter in the Sept. 28 issue of the paper in which he claims my supporters and I "libeled" him because we expressed our opinion about our respective records on environmental issues. It is a sad commentary about his campaign that the only way Mr. Stark can debate the issues is to threaten to sue people for exercising their First Amendment Rights of free expression.

As your readers are aware I am running for reelection, and Mr. Stark is running against me. I will put my record in comparison to his any day. A partial record of my work for the environment is as follows:

- I am a leader in the fight to create the Eastshore State Park. Since 1982 I have led the Sierra Club in its fight to create the shoreline park from the Bay Bridge to the Hoffman marsh and to stop the mega-development proposals of Santa Fe Railroad for that same area. In 1990 we were successful, and the acquisition of the lands has begun.

- I am a founder of the Citizens for the Eastshore State Park, a citizen's grassroots organization dedicated to creating that park.

- I am a founder of the Campaign to Save California Wetlands, a statewide organization dedicated to stopping the rollback of federal and state legislation that protects our wetlands.

- I am a founder of the Coalition to Restore Urban Waterways, a national campaign to protect and restore urban rivers and streams.

- I served for eight years (1985-1991 and 1992-1994) as member and Chair on the Executive Committee of the Sierra Club San Francisco Bay Chapter. That committee sets Sierra Club policy for all of the Bay Area.

- I currently chair the Sierra Club's East Bay Public Lands Subcommittee which deals with public land issues in the East Bay.

- Since 1984 I have served as pro bono legal counsel for the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club. I have represented the Club in lawsuits again on a pro bono basis including one challenging Caltrans' destruction of vegetation along I-80.

- I have also represented, on a pro bono basis, the Golden Gate Audubon Society in matters regarding Clean Water Act and wetlands issues before the State Water Board.

- I served for four years as pro bono legal counsel for the Golden State Wildlife Federation, 1990-1994, a statewide organization dedicated to preserving California's wildlife.

- On the City Council I have promoted recycling so that El Cerrito recycles 48 percent of its waste. Currently state law requires Cities to recycle 25 percent, so we are far ahead of most cities in the state.

- Through my efforts on the City Council, El Cerrito has established a creek restoration program that will help us meet federal Clean Water requirements for storm drain run-off and restore creeks to their natural habitat. For one project, our creek restoration will save the city

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By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A girl reported that a man had offered her cash in return for sexual favors and had made threats to her while she was on the BART path between Hill and Blake between 5:50 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sept. 22.

An El Cerrito woman was walking on the BART path north of Stockton at about 5:05 p.m. Sept. 26 when she was approached by a man on a black bicycle. The man forced the purse from her arm and continued on. He is described as a black male, 27 or 28 years old, 6-feet, about 160 pounds, wearing a purple shirt and black pants.

A Richmond male juvenile was arrested for threatening a school counsellor at Portola Middle School at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 19.

An El Cerrito man said he had been threatened over the phone Sept. 20 by a stranger who said he had gotten his number from the DMV and would pay him back for cutting him off on the roadway.

A pickpocket theft occurred at Lucky, El Cerrito Plaza, at 2 p.m. Sept. 25. Two male juveniles bumped into the victim while "chasing" each other; one took the victim's wallet.

A San Francisco man was arrested after he allegedly asked a Richmond woman for cash,

then tried to grab her. The incident occurred at about 2:40 p.m. Sept. 18 at Cutting at San Pablo.

A prowler, who peered into a window, was reported in the 1100 block of Richmond Street at 11 p.m. Sept. 19.

Someone broke into Sweis's Gyros & Pitas during the night of Sept. 19 and took cash from the register.

Someone broke open two windows, then forced open a garage door in the 100 block of Behrens during the night of Sept. 14. Nothing was reported stolen.

Two male juveniles were arrested in the 11100 block of Norvell at 4:56 p.m. Sept. 19. The screen door of a residence had been pried open for entry; one male juvenile had rifled the home. Nothing was reported stolen.

Jewelry, electronic and miscellaneous items were reported stolen from a home in the 1300 block of Richmond Street during the late evening hours of Sept. 15. The burglar(s) had cut a hole in the glass window of the home's rear door and had opened three locks and latches by hand or with the aid of a stick.

A phone and camcorder were reported stolen from a home in the 700 block of Lexington Avenue during the daytime Sept. 21.

Electronic and

miscellaneous items reported stolen from apartment in the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue Sept. 19.

A jewelry thief from a residence in the 1000 block of Bay Trail Ave. Aug. 27 and Sept. 19.

Someone tore up a lot of twigs from a tree in the 8100 block of Drive during the night of Sept. 19.

Someone stole oil from Just Cheap 8:45 p.m. Sept. 20.

Five bicycles were stolen from El Cerrito. One was taken from Lucky on the evening of Sept. 18, a second from the Emporium before 5 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. Two male juveniles taking two bikes at Sept. 23; a third was the same incident.

An Oakland juvenile arrested in the Food stockroom; he had ride on the forklift \$77 worth of soda process.

A man left his Hornet on the Portola when it ran out of gas after the car had been returned with the car had been stolen.

Five other vehicles



Noah Berger

Groovin' garage sales

Melvin Cuevas, 14, checked out an old electric guitar at an Everett Street garage sale Saturday morning, when homes and businesses participated in the annual city-wide garage sale to encourage reuse of unwanted household items.

Newsline

Fire Department to hold open house

ALBANY - The Albany Fire Department will be holding its annual Fire Department Open House on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All Albany residents are encouraged to attend.

There will be various safety demonstrations ranging from portable fire extinguishers to using the "Jaws of Life." Get to know your local firefighters and what they can do for you.

China conference participant to speak

EL CERRITO — On Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 12:30 participant Ann Ginger will meet with the West Contra Costa County Gray Panthers to discuss the recent Women's International Conference in China.

Ginger is Executive Director of the Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute and also Executive Director of San Francisco State University's School for Peace Studies. The meeting is at Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor, 11025 San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito and is open to the public.

Plans for homecoming

ALBANY — Albany High School Homecoming Week is fast approaching. The Principal's Round Table has been meeting and planning this event since July.

In an attempt to provide students and the community a safe and structured celebration, special events have been scheduled for the week of Oct. 23-27.

On Monday, Oct. 23, there will be an evening girl's interclass powder-puff football game at the Middle School field, Tuesday evening, Oct. 24, the Albany High School girl's

volleyball team faces Encinal High School. The girl's interclass powder-puff football championship game will be held Wednesday, Oct. 25, at lunch time at Albany High School.

Thursday evening, Oct. 26, will be the Night Rally, which will include a barbecue and picnic and talent show. The parade and football game against De Anza High School will be on Friday, Oct. 27. The Homecoming Dance will be Friday evening.

Float construction is limited to the week of Oct. 20-27.

Parents and community members are encouraged to participate in the events.

Alumni are encouraged to come to these activities and rekindle high school memories. For more information, please call Albany High School at 559-6550. Keep watching *The Journal* for more information.

El Cerrito Council candidates answer resident questions

Down Frasier

EL CERRITO — Candidates for the El Cerrito City Council answered a variety of questions from the audience at a special meeting sponsored by the El Cerrito Democratic Club two weeks ago. Challenger Thom Stark and incumbents Jane Bartke and Norman La Force answered questions in rotating order. Responses to three questions, generally having to do with development issues, are summarized below.

One resident questioned Stark on his strong campaign position regarding public votes on major proposed developments. The speaker asked whether informa-

tion sessions with the public would not be a better use of taxpayer monies, since actions of the Redevelopment Agency are not subject to vote by local referendum.

Stark: "The fact that a referendum vote doesn't have the force of law... isn't extremely important," Stark said. From his viewpoint, it would best illustrate the feelings of the community. If the city council or redevelopment agency was then "willing to defy the will of the voters on a particular... advisory vote, at least the voters would know where they stand with the city council."

Bartke: Bartke agreed with the speaker that such a large amount

of money should not be used on advisory votes on individual projects. That money is better spent on services that improve the quality of life in El Cerrito, she believes, services like police, fire and recreation. Bartke said that voters express their views on development issues every two years during the council elections, choosing "people who represent your views" at that time.

La Force: La Force challenged the notion that citizen input on specific development issues has been limited. He spoke to the long history of citizen involvement and the "open, public process," including the 1991 General Plan Housing Element hearings that resulted in a plan which includes mixed use projects at both BART stations.

"I was elected to set policy, to represent the people of El Cerrito, not just (to say), 'This is controversial, we'd better have a vote.' The buck stops here."

The council, he believes, is elected to represent the interests of all elements in the city.

He also spoke to his concern that big money might be spent on controversial ballot issues — money from an outside developer, for example. "That's dangerous; I don't want that ever to come to El Cerrito," he said.

The candidates were asked outright whether they were for or against the proposed Del Norte theatre complex project.

Bartke: "Until I see a plan, read the EIR... I haven't made up my mind either for or against," she said. "No one sensible... would prejudge something without knowing the facts."

Bartke also believes a theatre on a different scale may ultimately be proposed and may be the project on which the council will make a decision.

La Force: La Force challenged the speaker's characterization of the project as a "mega-theatre," saying the designation seems to keep changing in definition. He also spoke against rushing to judgement on the proposal and said he wants to see the EIR and the possible impacts of "the developer's proposal, lesser-scale proposals and no project."

He noted that the city had put the EIR at the beginning of the planning process in order to get information as quickly as possible. Many citizens, he said, have indicated that they would like to see "some sort of theatre in El Cerrito."

Stark: Stark is opposed to the theatre as currently proposed: 3,800 seats, 20 screens. He said he had visited a Texas theatre of similar size and talked about its traffic and circulation problems; he envisioned El Cerrito as potentially worse because of the residential neighborhood adjacent to the site.

"I oppose a theatre of that magnitude. I think it's the wrong size and the wrong place," he said. Stark would like to see a theatre of 1,000 to 1,200 seats built at El Cerrito Plaza, if possible.

He added that he does not like the proposal for a five-story mixed-use building next door to the theatre. "I want buildings on a more human scale instead of miniskyscrapers," he said. "I'm banking my chances for election on (the hope) that others agree that's not the direction (for El Cerrito)."

"What's the issue of difference between you?" asked one resident.

La Force: "(Candidate) Stark lacks an understanding of what's gone on in this city," he said. Among other historical issues, La Force noted that the Redevelopment Plan (approved by voters) included "the projects under discussion now," that is, mixed use projects at both stations. "It does not have 50-foot tall buildings along San Pablo Avenue; it does include a plan for community development," he said.

La Force said he was committed to making the city work socially, with a strong service commitment, providing parks, childcare, senior and recreational services that are adequately funded.

Stark: Stark said he also supported those services, that no one would be against them. The substantial difference between candidates, he said, is in their views

on "how much voice the voters should have in the future and in decision-making."

"We hire the city council to (handle) the day-to-day business issues that face the city, not for making major policy shifts," he said. As for the Redevelopment Plan Amendment, Stark noted the extremely close vote and shared his belief that many who voted for it "didn't get what they had thought they would..." referring again specifically to the "change in scale of buildings" that surround their neighborhoods.

"I think it's incumbent on the council to give more votes than less," he said, stressing the need to bring diverse voices to the council. Stark also promised a more open, respectful response to citizen comments if he's elected.

Bartke: "I believe the city council members are elected to set policy," she said. "We have staff members to do the everyday running of the city; we are the policy makers."

"You are voting for a representative, one you trust, one who has the background and experience to look at the information and make a good decision."

Bartke noted that public votes cost from \$15,000 to \$20,000 each.

"Try to pick the person you feel will listen to you. You have to be able to believe in that person (and trust them) to make a good decision. That's a representative form of government; I believe that's what we have in the United States."

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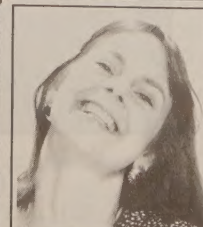
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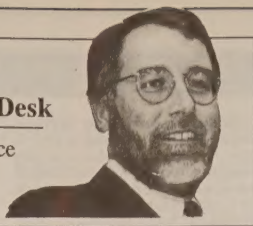
Wednesday the city held a Scoping Session concerning environmental impact report (EIR) of the developer's proposal for the area west of Del Norte station. In this article I would like to go through some of the major points about that environmental impact review should be kept in mind as the city evaluates the environmental impacts.

At the outset it is probably good to remember that we are dealing with more than just the proposal made by the developer. The city has included a number of alternatives. These are included because the city wants to understand the range in the impacts and intensity of any impacts from any development at that site as compared to doing nothing. The alternatives include: (1) the project, (2) and (3) two other scale proposals for the theater component of the project, (4) relocation of the theater component at a different site in the city, and (5) a different location in the development area for the theater component, (6) moving the theater component at least farthest from the existing Del Norte Place rather than next to it. The EIR will analyze the impacts for each of these alternatives.

The EIR will look at 10 categories of impacts. These include: (1) the compatibility of the proposed project and alternatives with existing land uses in the area; (2) the visual impacts of the various alternatives and the urban design impacts that will be involved in dealing with visual impacts; (3) traffic and parking impacts,

From the Mayor's Desk

By Norman La Force
El Cerrito



which will be a major portion of the EIR; (4) the impacts of the various alternatives for population, housing, employment; (5) noise impacts; (6) the impacts on providing necessary public services, such as fire, police, schools, parks, open space, sewage, and storm drains to name a few; (7) impacts on soils and geology, especially seismic concerns; (8) impacts on air quality; (9) impacts on public health, and (10) impacts for the period of time when construction occurs.

For each of these impacts, the EIR will also look at cumulative impacts. This means the EIR will not just look at each category of an impact in isolation, but also how an impact in one category may create or add to an impact in another category.

Once impacts have been identified, the EIR will then analyze what, if any, measures can be taken to mitigate an impact and what the cost would be. The principle of mitigation is that while there may be an impact, there may also be steps that can be taken that can alleviate or even eliminate that impact. For example, if the EIR identified the need for additional security, one mitigation could be additional police. The city could then require a payment for those extra costs of police as a mitigation fee. In this way the city would get the additional police personnel and the coverage they would provide at no cost because the developer would have to pay for that cost to mitigate the impact.

Alternatively, for some impacts there may be no

mitigation. This information is very vital because we need to know this information in making any decision since it could mean that we cannot do any sized project or only a project up to a certain size.

The EIR will be first released as a draft. People will have a chance to comment on the draft both orally and in writing. At this point, it appears that the draft EIR will be released in mid-March 1996.

The law requires a 45 day review period. The city, however, could extend that time depending on the public's need for more time to comment and the size of the EIR.

In sum, the city will be analyzing smaller scaled versions of what the developer has proposed and a no project alternative. Out of this analysis will come the factual information about the environmental impacts of those various alternatives and whether they can be mitigated and at what cost.

As a footnote I would like to add that I had reported earlier that the West County Mayors would be meeting with the head of Caltrans, James Van Loben Sels, about the destruction of vegetation along I-80. This meeting was supposed to take place last month, but Van Loben Sels could not make it because of the need to attend the funeral of two Caltrans' workers who had died in an accident. It should take place this Wednesday, Oct. 4th. After the meeting takes place, I will try to summarize what was discussed.

Principals embark on new jobs

By Dawn Frasleur

This is the second in a series on local school principals.

There are new faces and long-time familiar faces among the principals of local elementary schools. Marilyn McClaskey and Lauralee Ausejo each have a long history in the West Contra Costa County Unified School District but are new to their leadership positions at Harding and Kensington Elementary Schools.

Steve Collins, Chris Bennett and Judy Boehm have a long history in El Cerrito. Boehm has served two El Cerrito schools; Bennett has stayed at Fairmont.

Collins has just embarked on a new adventure at Madera after five years as the principal of Harding Elementary. (Formerly, Collins was the principal of El Portal/Highland.)

While at Harding, Collins implemented a new thematic program that has served as a model

for several other schools. Everything from wall decorations to the school's entryway serve as constant reminders to all the students as a reminder of the year's theme, which is incorporated into the curriculum at all age levels.

The thematic program is in its third year at Harding; parents have provided a tremendous amount of support for it. The program has been funded each year by a grant from the district's Ed Fund.

A schoolwide reading incentive program also began under Collins' leadership, as did a conflict mediation program; the school also received numerous grants for its activities.

Collins was known at Harding for his enthusiasm in working with the students and willingness to go to great personal lengths to provide them with incentives. That included eating a whole bowl of tomatoes, sitting up on the roof, dressing up as Old Mother

Hubbard and as a gorilla, and spending one day as a student himself.

Madera Elementary has a more science/technology orientation than did Harding. (The school had been a magnet school in that area under a former district administration.) That orientation will continue; Collins doesn't foresee establishing a separate thematic program.

There is an emphasis for this year, however: literacy and language arts. Every child in the school will develop a portfolio, and a young authors' program will be instituted.

In addition, said Collins, the school is "moving towards authentic assessment" of its students, by which their achievement is judged by actual work rather than traditional testing. Writing samples will be taken in both the fall and

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Volunteers dedicated to Albany Hill

By Sharon Leech

ALBANY - A dozen people gathered at the bottom of Albany Hill Saturday morning to help clean up, weed out and replant on the few remaining open spaces in the city.

The project is funded in part by a National Urban Forestry grant and is coordinated through the Friends of Albany Hill. The urban forestry program matches money for each hour of labor provided by volunteers toward ecological restoration of the park.

Among Saturday's crew are three workers from Americorps, the national community service organization threatened to be cut from next year's federal budget. Two scientists, an arborist and a botanist, were also present to consult on the project.

Work gloves donned and clip-

pers poised, the group listened as Carole Fitzgerald, coordinator of the project, discussed tree removal with arborist Tom Pehrson.

The day before, a huge eucalyptus tree was cut down and taken out by crane. Pehrson talked about possible removal techniques for the remaining tree stump. Fitzgerald asked about alternatives to using an herbicide for removal. Pehrson suggested the use of a stump-grinder tool, which is labor and time intensive.

Through such dialogue the volunteer crew is learning about some of the ecological concerns in the balancing act of restoration.

Saturday was Joan Strasser's second day participating in the restoration. A student teacher working for her special education credential, Strasser has lived in Albany for

six years.

Strasser returned to work on the same willow tree she worked on last month. "The ivy was strangling this tree," she said, pulling up lengthy strands of the proliferous and highly invasive non-indigenous plant. Until she had worked through the tangle, Strasser said she had no idea that the several low branching trunks were of the same tree.

Greg Jalbert has adopted the same willow. He said that he has contributed financially to environmental groups in the past and was ready to participate more actively in his own community.

Like Jalbert, most of the volunteers consider themselves environmentally conscious, but for many working on the hill is a way to see the results of their own work.

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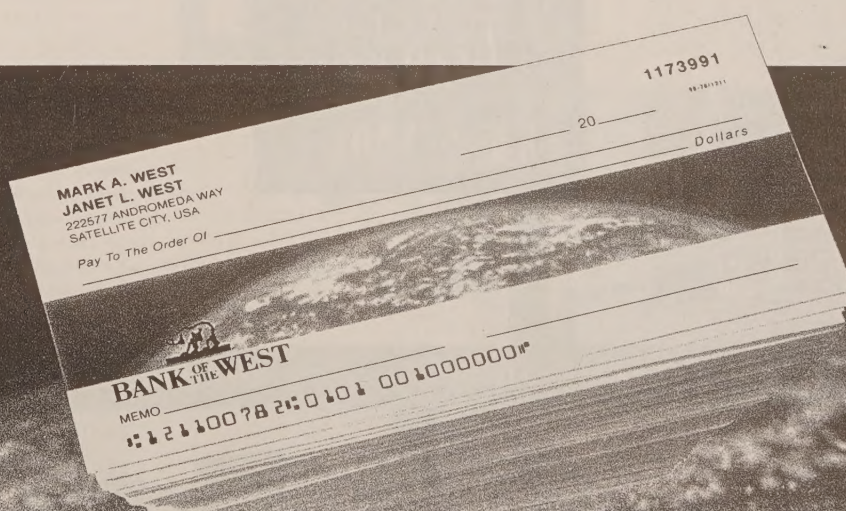
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Performances

Artaria Quartet: Oct. 8, 5 p.m.: Anthony Martin, Elizabeth Blumenstock, Katherine Kyme and Elisabeth Le Guin perform quartets of Luigi Boccherini. Music Sources, 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley.

Ashkenaz: Oct. 5, 9 p.m.: Root Awakening; Oct. 6 11 p.m.: Spear; Oct. 7, 9 p.m.: Adama with Israeli dance lesson at 8 p.m.; Oct. 8, 9 p.m.: Orquesta Tentacion with Salsa dance lesson at 8 p.m.; Oct. 9, closed; Oct. 10, 9 p.m.: Strictly Tango with Tango dance lesson at 8 p.m.; Oct. 11, 9 p.m.: Rosie Ledet with Cajun dance lesson at 8 p.m. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre: *The Beaux' Stratagem*, directed by Mark Wing-Davey. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., with Thursday and Saturday matinees in alternate weeks. Tickets are \$25 to \$34 (with various discounts) 2025 Addison St. at Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 845-4700.

Freight & Salvage: Oct. 5, 8 p.m.: Chris Webster album release celebration; Oct. 6, 8:30 p.m.: Kathy Kallick & The Little Big Band; Oct. 7, 8:30 p.m.: Robin Flower & Libby McClaren. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 548-1761.

Judy Frankel: Oct. 7, 8 p.m.: Sephardic music descended from 15th-century Spain. The Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin at Masonic, Albany. 548-8708.

Jupiter: Oct. 6, 8 p.m.: Indigo Swing with Harley Skip at 5:30 p.m.; Oct. 7, 2:30-5:30 p.m.: Oktoberfest mit den punk polka gruppen Polkacide, Bier, Essen, leiderhosen!; Oct. 11, 8 p.m.: Groove Shop. 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-THE-ROCK.

La Peña Cultural Center: Oct. 5, 8 p.m.: Rafael Manriquez performs the poems of Nobel Prize winning poet Gabriela Mistral; Oct. 6, 8 p.m.: Radical folk with Eve Decker, Andrea Pritchett, and Lisa Zeiler; Oct. 7, 8:30 p.m.: Grupo Campana performing Afro-Venezuelan rhythms; Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.: Andres Riehoff performs original compositions. 3105 Shattuck Ave. 849-2568, ext.15.

Maybeck Recital Hall: Oct. 8, 4 p.m.: Antonio Irujo, piano. 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 848-3228.

Next-to-Lust Sonatas: Oct. 8, 4 p.m.: Eliance Lust performs next-to-last piano sonatas of Beethoven, Scriabin, Schubert and Satie. First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. 841-7721.

Plano Recital: Oct. 7, 8 p.m.: Berkeley pianist Julian White performs works by Debussy, Ravel, Shostakovich, and Prokofiev. First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington.

Red Cafe: Oct. 5, 8:30 p.m.: Jezebel, a cappella jazz quartet; Oct. 6, 8:30 p.m.: Windham Hill with Danny Heines; Oct. 7, 8:30 p.m.: John Greger, Rabia, and John O'Mahoney. 1941 University Ave., Berkeley. 843-8607.

Starry Plough: Oct. 5, 9:30 p.m.: Andrea Hurley, Behind Toms; Oct. 6, 9:30 p.m.: Durham with Tommy Cams & Lisabell Sonya Hunter; Oct. 7, 9:30 p.m.: The Buckets with Ed's Redemptive Qualities and The Sunshine Club; Oct. 8, Electric Blues Jam Session; Oct. 9, 9 p.m.: Traditional Irish Music; Oct. 10, Open Mike Cabaret; Oct. 11, Darts. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

Stylus Phantasticus: Oct. 7, 8 p.m.:

The San Francisco Early Music Society presents Elizabeth Blumenstock, violin; Steven Lehning, viola da gamba; John Butt, harpsichord. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College, Berkeley. 528-1725.

U.C. Department of Music: Oct. 5, 4 p.m.: Soprano Karol Bennett and pianist/composer John McDonald perform the works of Strauss, Webern, Debussy, Wolf, and others. Elkus Room, 125 Morrison Hall, U.C. Berkeley. 642-4864.

Yoshi's: Oct. 5-8, 8 & 10 p.m.: Jackie McLean with the Cedar Walton Trio; Oct. 9, 8 and 10 p.m.: Cu-Bob Ensemble with Pete Escovedo; Oct. 10, 8 & 10 p.m.: Dogsyde; Oct. 11-15, 8 & 10 p.m.: Legends of the Blues All-Star Band with Junio Wells, Johnnie Johnson, Jimmy Rogers, and Robert Lockwood, Jr. 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland. 652-9200.

Religious activities

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists: Oct. 8, 10:30 a.m.: "Indigenous People's Day: Native Peoples - A Look at US and Canadian Policies," with Charlotte Cote and Rev. Meg Whitaker-Green. For children: childcare giver for toddlers: classes for ages 3-12. For details, Sandy, 236-5083. 1924 Cedar, Berkeley. 841-4824.

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center: Oct. 8, 4-7 p.m.: Community wide Sukot celebration and community wide vegetarian potluck. Participants should bring a vegetarian dish to share and greenery to decorate. 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. 848-0237.

First Unitarian Church of Berkeley: Oct. 6, 8 p.m.: Rebecca Parker, President of Starr King School for the Ministry speaks on, "Beyond Liberal Denial: What is Religiously Needed to Address the Crisis in American Social Policy?"; One Lawson Road, Kensington. 525-0302.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church: Oct. 10, 10 a.m.: Rev. Michael Hansen will preach and afterwards lead the discussion in a Forum on Mental Health. 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. 525-1716.

Miracles: Oct. 9, 8 p.m.: Reverend Deborah Blank, an interfaith minister, will conduct a meeting based on the principles of miracles. Albany United Methodist Church, entrance at 980 Stannage, Albany.

Dinner is served: Oct. 11, 6:15 p.m.: Northbrae Community Church continues its long-standing tradition of offering low-cost dinners to the community. 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. 526-3805.

The 5:45: Evening worship service with contemporary Christian praise music, conversation and refreshment. Every Sunday at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, 2407 Dana St., Berkeley. 848-6252.

Events, meetings, classes...

Berkeley Farmers' Market: Sundays, 11-3 p.m.: Fresh California produce near People's Park; parking available: Haste St. at Telegraph, Berkeley.

Berkeley Community Media: Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.: Second Annual Membership Meeting which will be cablecast live on B-TV Channel 25. Everyone invited. Berkeley City Council Chambers, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley.

Berkeley Hiking Club: Oct. 8, 8:30 a.m.: Hike at Briones Regional Park with Leader Larry Manuel (548-5238). 8:30 a.m. departure; Oct. 9, 8 a.m.: Mini Hike at Carquinez Strait Regional Park with

leader Bonnie Davidson (644-9450). 9 a.m. departure. Call leaders for more details.

Black Oak Books: Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.: Lewis Nordan will read *The Sharpshooter Blues*; Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.: Franz Schurmann investigates our past and probes our collective psyche in *American Soul*; Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.: Elizabeth Segre, Gino Segre, and possibly Adam Hochschild discuss *Atoms, Bombs, and Eskimo Kisses: A Memoir of Father and Son*; Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m.: Ana Castillo challenges American misconceptions of race relations in *Massacre of the Dreamers: Essays on Xicanisma*. 1491 Shattuck, Berkeley. 94709.

Bouncing Babies: Through Nov. 15, 7 p.m. Wednesdays: Young children (up to the age of 3) are invited to the West Branch of the Berkeley Public Library for the fall season of *Baby Bounce and Toddler Tales*. These free programs of songs, rhymes, simple picture books and fingerplays include multicultural materials, some guitar-playing, and at least one song or rhyme in Spanish. A special Spanish storytime for children aged 3-8, featuring Cecilia Cuesta-Velez and children's librarian Marge Sussman, is scheduled at West at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 21 and Saturday, Nov. 18, 1125 University, Berkeley. 644-6870.

Breast Cancer: Oct. 5, 7-9 p.m.: Bay Physicians/Alta Bates Medical Group is offering a lecture to help women review the risk factors for developing breast cancer. Alta Bates Medical Center, 2450 Ashby Ave., Auditorium, Berkeley. 1-800-549-WELL.

A Clean and Safe Downtown: Oct. 5, 8-9 a.m.: Downtown Berkeley Association hosts a business forum issues of safety, homelessness, and other issues important to downtown Berkeley merchants. Guests include city officials and homeless outreach workers. Pasqua Coffee, Oxford & Center Streets, Berkeley.

Life on a Tectonic Plate: Oct. 5, noon: The League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany, and Emeryville will host an informative discussion on earthquake preparedness. Albany Public Library, 843-8824.

City Commons Club: Oct. 6, Noon luncheon: Benjamin Bagdikian, former dean, Graduate School of Journalism, U.C. Berkeley will give a talk entitled "Old Journalism and New." Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant, Berkeley. 848-3533.

Corridos: Oct. 6, 10 a.m.: Public Forum on Mexican and American Corridos, narrative ballads that have occupied a dominant place in the popular culture of Mexico from the mid 19th century to the present day. Hosted by the U.C. Berkeley Department of Spanish and Portuguese, the Center for Latin American Studies, and the International House Program Office. Speakers include Prof. Guillermo Hernandez, director of the UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center and Prof. James Nicolopoulos, of the University of Texas at Austin. Live performances are included in the program. International House Auditorium, U.C. Berkeley.

El Cerrito Classes: Social Bridge: Thursdays, Oct. 5-Nov. 9, 7-9 p.m.: \$30 Fee; Country Western Dance: Thursdays, Oct. 5-26: Beginners: 8-9 p.m.; Intermediate: 7-8 p.m.; Chi Kung: Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m.: \$36 fee. El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moers Lane, El Cerrito.

El Cerrito Community Services: Basketball: Tuesdays through Nov. 7. Ages 7-14 years are welcome to play during the hours of 4-5:30 p.m.: Drop in tickets are 8 tickets for \$26.00, 4 tickets for \$14.00, and drop in is \$5.00. Girls Basketball Clinic: Every Thursday from 4-5:30 p.m. for grades 4 through 9. Coaches will be assisting girls in individualized attention including ball handling, shooting defense, and offensive plays. El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moers Lane, El Cerrito. 215-4375.

Philately Meeting: For Stamp collectors; first and third Thursdays of the month, 7:30 p.m.; Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. 526-5397 or 655-7827.

Swimming in El Cerrito: Outside fall and winter swimming at the El Cerrito Swim Center. Lap swim hours available Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday call the 24 hour voicemail message 273-9096 for hours and fees. Specialized swim lessons are available on a private lesson basis, times vary depending upon your schedule. One on one lessons for adults who fear the water, triathlon workouts, stroke mechanics, cross training workout plans and much more. El Cerrito Swim Center, 7007 Moers Lane, El Cerrito. 215-4375.

Cody's: Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m.: Writer/producer/director and actor Garry Marshall shares his trade secrets in *Wake Me When It's Funny: How to Break Into Show Business and Stay There*; Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.: KQED Children's author extravaganza for Sesame Street's Pre-School Educational Program "Let's Read and Write!" including presentations by storytellers John Fromer and Ruth Halpern; Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.: Herb Kohl discusses his latest book, *Should We Burn Babar? Essays on Children's Literature and the Power of Stories*; Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m.: Richard Friedman explores the presence or absence of God in *The Disappearance Of God: A Divine Mystery*. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 845-7852.

Dance Classes For Adults: Ongoing ballet, modern, jazz and floor barre; special children's program; 2704 Alcatraz Ave., Berkeley. 654-5921.

Gala: Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m.: Jennifer Loudon guides women through pregnancy in *The Pregnant Woman's Comfort Book*; Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m.: Deborah Major explores three generations of African-American women in *An Open Weave*; Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.: Dr. John Lee, MD, discusses menopause in *Natural Progesterone & Optimal Health Guidelines*; Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.: Hal Zina Bennett offers advice to aspiring writers in *Write From the Heart*; Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m.: John Perkins examines shamans of the Amazons and Andes in *The World As You Dream It: Shamanic Teachings from the Amazon and Andes*. 1400 Shattuck, Berkeley. 848-GAIA.

Homework Helper: Every Wednesday from 3-5 p.m.: Berkeley Public Library's south Branch offers a free Homework Assistance Center for all kids in grades 4-12. 1901 Russell, Berkeley. 644-6860.

Marquetry Class: For beginners; every Tuesday 10 - noon at the Berkeley Adult School. Open to anyone 50 or older; for more info visit St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave & Garber St., Berkeley.

North Berkeley Senior Center: Oct. 10, 3 p.m.: Housing Problems hosted by

Berkeley Community Law Center; Oct. 11, 12 noon: Birthday Party & Friendship Day. Free lunch for newcomers over 60. 1901 Hearst, Berkeley. 644-6107.

Pacific Film Archive: Oct. 6, 7 p.m.: *Only a Mother with Barabbas* at 8:55 p.m.; Oct. 7, 7 p.m.: *Uncle Moses with His Wife's Lover* at 8:45 p.m.; Oct. 8, 5:30 p.m.: *Max Ernst*; Oct. 9, 7 p.m.: *Life on a Siring*; Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.: *Alternative Requirements: Works from Bay Area Film Schools* with artists in person; Oct. 11, 7 p.m.: *When the Child Is More Than a Child with Lord of the Flies* at 8:35 p.m. 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. 642-1412.

Pigs in Heaven: Oct. 7, 8 p.m.: Author Barbara Kingsolver, author of *Animal Dreams*, *High Tide in Tucson*, and *Pigs in Heaven* will give a talk at Martin Luther King Junior High School, 1781 Rose St., Berkeley. 848-6767 x611.

Rehabilitation Loan: Every Wednesday at 7 p.m.: RAF Mortgage is offering a weekly seminar for homebuyers and investors on how to purchase and rehab "fixers" using the 203K loan. 1722 Solano Ave, Berkeley. 528-0767.

Rotary Club of Berkeley: Oct. 11, no time given: Peace Grove Team, Dr. Orman E. Granger, Professor, Geography, U.C. Berkeley will give a talk entitled "From Cadillac to Chaos: The California Environment in Transition." 1836 University Ave., Berkeley. 841-2319.

African-American Book Club: Meets last Thursday of each month: South Berkeley Branch Library, 1901 Russell, Berkeley. 415-773-9558.

Teeter Tots Program: The City of El Cerrito is offering to residents and non-residents alike a continuing program that introduces you to gradual social skills buildings. Sharing, taking turns, and using words are the focus of this program. Ages 21 months to 3.5 years: 9 a.m. to noon at the Community Center, 7007 Moers Lane, El Cerrito; Ages 3.5 to 5 years: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Casa Cerrito Program, 6927 Portola, El Cerrito. Contact Julie Bellotti at 215-4371.

Exhibits

ACCI Gallery: Through Oct. 15: The works of Laurel Marson (metal), Majia Williams (clay), and Peggy Yandell (paintings). 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 843-2527.

Bakery Cafe: Through Oct. 6: Paintings by Carol Lee. 2787 Shattuck, Berkeley.

Judah L. Magnes Museum: "Fabrics of Life: Introduction to the Magnes Museum Summer Workshop" free slideshow of Italian Jewish art and life; "Extraordinary Californians"; through Nov. 5; 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 549-6950.

Mediterranean Gallery: Oct. 1-Nov. 3: Group show of original artworks by Bob Janellis, B.N. Duncan, Lisa Corradino, and Guy Colwell. Cafe Med., Telegraph Ave. between Haste and Dwight, Berkeley. 644-9819.

National Institute of Art and Disabilities: Through Nov. 10. Naijads & Dryads. 551 23rd St., Richmond. 620-0290.

Pop Paintings: Through Oct. 7: An exhibition of recent paintings by Tony Speirs titled, "Pop Songs". Reception for the artist on Aug 11, 6 p.m.: M. Low & Co., 1519 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

Kala Institute: Through Oct. 28. James D. Phelan Art Zwards in Printmaking recipients Doug Minkler,

Stephen McMillan, and others will have their works in Workshop Media Center. 549 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. 548-5054.

Richmond Art Center: Nov. 18: Epistolary Fair Correspondence with paintings by Hammond and Marilyn Lee; works by Sono Osato and others; Civic Center Plaza, Richmond.

Spiritual Works: Through Nov. 18: "New Perceptions of the retrospective exhibition of sculptors who have shown at the Flora Lamson Hewitt Graduate Theological Union, 1980's and 1990's: Graduate Union, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley. 848-2540.

University Lutheran: Through Nov. 2: Exhibition by Adriana Diaz entitled "The Beginning - Visual Arts" College Ave., Berkeley. 525-1725.

Support groups, etc.

American School Association: Alliance for the Ill. Claremont Branch Berkeley at the corner of Ashby and Berkeley. 841-8361.

Alzheimer's: and related Monday Enrichment Program by the Claremont Center and fellowship; St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 444-0243.

Avatar Toastmasters: 6:15 p.m.: Develop your public speaking and communication skills in an environment with people of new-age spirituality. Hillsborough. Berkeley. 848-6510.

Bereavement Support: individual grief counseling. 889-1104.

Ilterbug Club: 3rd month: The Northern California Society supporting the Ilterbug Club (original swing dance). Solo Sierran: The Ilterbug Bay Chapter of the Ilterbug singles, over 40, offering a variety of outdoor, social activities; 652-4928.

Stroke Awareness Support: Wednesdays, 12 noon. Albany Center, 846 Masonic Ave., Albany. 9502.

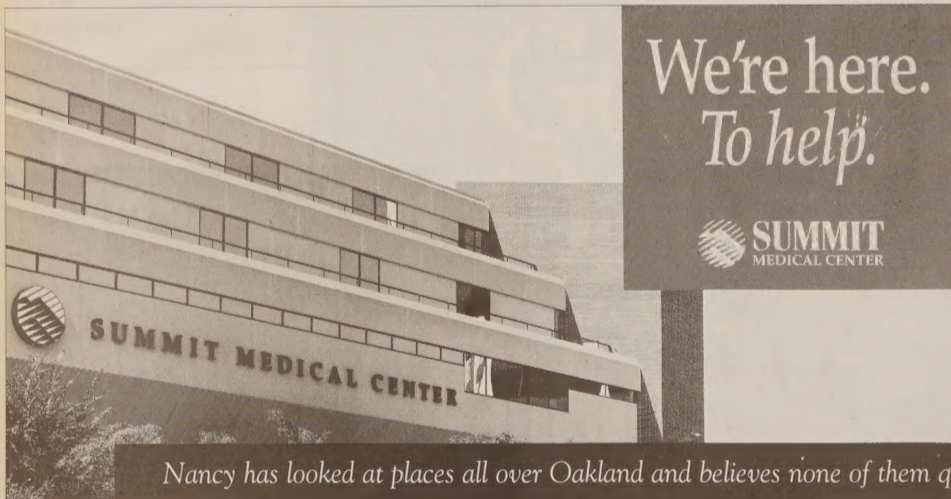
Turning Point Center: Support group for job seekers; changers; self-assessment; direction program (\$10 fee) includes two hours of individual counseling; 2600 Bancroft. 848-6370.

Overeaters Anonymous: every Saturday, 8:30 a.m. meet at 8 a.m.: St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave., 2nd floor, Berkeley; 278-8562.

Albany TOPS: Take a Sensibly support group on Monday morning: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. meeting; 980 Bancroft, Albany.

Environmental Health Support: and information for environmental illness/multiple sensitivities; (415) 541-0773.

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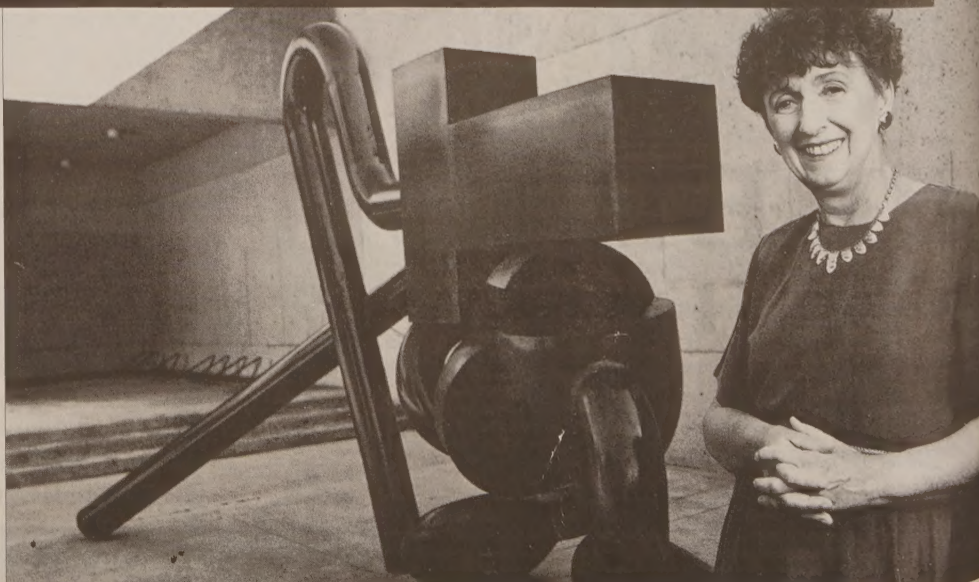
The Oakland Museum of California's strong emphasis on our state's history is unmatched, claims Nancy. "It has terrific natural sciences and art exhibits. The grounds and the building itself are also quite remarkable."

Nancy should know. She's a real estate broker. A wife, a mother. And, with a family history of osteoporosis, a prime candidate for the disease. With three daughters, this is something Nancy isn't taking lightly.

Nancy used her professional instincts to select a hospital. "Summit was warm. The people were friendly. I felt I was in the right place, and in the right hands."

There, Nancy received a bone scan. Plus a list of options—like estrogen therapy—that can help prevent osteoporosis. And keep her browsing museum galleries for a long time.

Nancy Taussig
beside one of
the Museum's
many modern
sculptures.



Albany PTA Council News

By Peggy Thow

Parents, becoming more involved, raise concerns

PTA presidents are reporting remarkably strong attendance at meetings this year. This is a new trend. More parents are becoming involved in our schools, in new ways. As a result, we'll work more actively to help create better learning places for our children. Along with energy and enthusiasm, Albany parents are asking questions about after

school programs, teacher's aides, technology, and curriculum, among others. Discussion leads to action. At the first AMS PTA meeting this year, for example, an informal discussion of science classes launched a petition drive that quickly gathered 159 signatures on a letter to the School Board. The letter, asking for a full-year science requirement at AMS,

was presented to the board last week. The Board is expected to discuss the matter at a future meeting. (See story front page.)

This kind of action on the part of parents is fitting and appropriate. PTA exists to strengthen parents as advocates for their children's education. We work — with teachers and administrators — from a platform of knowledge and

concern.

Curriculum forms the core of concern for many parents, teachers, and administrators. It's a matter of record that, because of budget problems, Albany school hours have been pared to a minimum over the years. When you cut back on hours, (or "instructional minutes," in the language of the teacher's contract) you necessarily cut back on curriculum.

The question as always is

what can we restore? And what can we increase?

Signers of the AMS letter did not suggest that other disciplines be cut. (The letter did, however, question the offering of electives like teacher's aide and office aide over the science elective.)

Discussion of the letter at the PTA Council meeting last week generated several ideas about the broader question of curriculum in Albany schools.

First, as parents we needn't divide into groups exclusively supporting one discipline or another. We can focus our concerns on improving overall "program;" that is, on increasing class time and decreasing class size, not only for one field of study, but for all.

A longer school day and fewer students in class would improve the learning situation for everyone.

Second, curriculum issues may have drifted a bit recently because, for several years now, the district has had no assistant superintendent. A chief duty of the assistant superintendent was curriculum supervision. Maybe finding a way to replace at least that part of the assistant superintendent's duties would help insure that Albany students could travel through the district on a smoother pathway from grade to grade.

Obviously, much more can be said. And will be. As always, all parents are urged to attend PTA meetings as a way to gather information, and support, and meet other parents who care about Albany education.

Tickets for the Albany Education Foundation's Ice Cream Social on Oct. 22 are on sale now. You can buy them at the Marin and Cornell school offices, at the Albany Chamber of Commerce, and at Cafe Crayon on Solano Avenue. Ticket price is \$10 for ages 10 to adult, \$5 for ages 4 to 9. (Kids under 4 attend free.) You can also buy tickets at the door. For information, call Sally Outis at 525-5927.

AMS PTA meets tonight, Oct. 5, 7 p.m., AMS library. The topic is physical education for AMS students. P.E. teachers will discuss fitness goals for grades 6-8 and explain the grading system.

AHS PTA meets Monday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m., AHS library. (Respect Says have been postponed to later in the year, to allow for more thorough planning.)

School Board meets Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m., Cornell School Multi-Use Room.

Albany Special Ed Parent Support Group meets Thursday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m., Cornell library. Rocio Smith, of Area Board 5 on Developmental Disability will talk about effective parent advocacy. All interested parents are invited to attend.

Incidentally, the Albany Special Olympics Swim Team continues practice through December. New members are always welcome, and assistant coach's are still needed. Call Judy Millar, 525-8135, for information about the support group meeting or the swim team.

AHS Back to School Night is Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m.

Also Wednesday, Oct. 11 is the AMS Site Council meeting, AMS library.

Marin PTA meets next Thursday, Oct. 12, from 7 to 9 p.m., Marin library.

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For more information, contact the Albany Children's Center at 1140 Ninth Street, 559-6590.

Principals

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the spring as part of each student's portfolio; "we'll use a rubric to score and rescore (them) to see if there's been growth," he said.

The same system was used at Harding, as was a discipline program similar to the one now being instituted at Madera.

Collins has spent his first few weeks meeting with staff, parents and PTA to learn about their interests and concerns. He's also been working to establish a student council — another new venture for the school.

Castro Elementary principal Judy Boehm knows Madera well; she was there for 17 years before coming to Castro five years ago. (For one year, she served as a dual principal for both schools.) Boehm started out as a teacher in the district and was the principal of Ellerhorst in Pinole before coming to Madera.

This year, Castro is concentrating on mathematics skills, said Boehm. In connection with the program quality review that occurs every three years, the school is working with some new approaches to math education at all grade levels. Manipulatives are a major component of the math program.

Social skills are another major focus for the year.

"We started teaching social interaction skills this year," said Boehm. "They're reinforced in the curriculum."

One method employed is the use of a "dolphin ticket" reward system. Students are recognized for any of the nice things they do throughout the day — helping someone learn to jump rope, not hitting back when there's a conflict. A student might collect several blue tickets with dolphins printed on them throughout the day. Two names are drawn in each classroom from among the tickets collected, and a small reward is given.

Courtesy, positive disagreement and the art of giving compliments are among the specific skills taught through the program. Such curriculum themes change ever three weeks.

The Castro PTA has started a

"Reader Leaders" program at the school. Those who read 500 pages of outside reading are given a special certificate and a little prize — a bookmark, for example.

Twenty of Castro's 400 students are part of the school's severely handicapped inclusion program, which has won several "Programs of Excellence" awards from the school district. The students remain in regular classes almost all day. The program has grown in popularity; when Boehm came to the school, only four or five children were involved.

Several grants from the Ed Fund have been used recently for creative projects. Sixth graders built planters and a bench for the school through a carpentry project; they've also produced a school calendar. Parents in the nursing field have assisted with health education efforts in the classroom; activities are expanding in a drug awareness program that covers the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco; murals have recently been painted on the school's retaining walls, with a sea life and natural wildflowers theme.

Bennett came to Fairmont as a dual-school principal, serving Alvarado at the same time. He had served Alvarado and Balboa in the same capacity for seven years previously. Before that, Bennett was the principal of Nystrom Elementary School for two years and Kerry Hills School for five. Preceding that, he worked as vice-principal of Tara Hills and Nystrom for a combination of three years.

Bennett started out as a teacher at Wood School between 1962 and 1967. He's been the full-time principal at Fairmont for 12 years.

Fairmont's enrollment has increased from 275 to 525 students since Bennett arrived at the school. An attractive academic program has drawn in many new students, representing a variety of cultural backgrounds.

"There are 125 LEP students (for whom English is a second language) in our population," he says. "We are a very mixed (group): 39 percent of our students are black, 31 percent white, 16 to 17 percent Asian, and the remainder Hispanic and other

groups."

It's a situation Bennett and his staff have put to good use; the school is noted for its multicultural orientation and special events that celebrate the students' diversity.

It was during a summer curriculum writing session six or seven years ago that the staff decided to emphasize a multicultural approach.

"That theme runs through many areas," said Bennett. One event illustrates the students' enthusiasm.

"Our multi-cultural fair in the spring is very well-attended," he said. "It's an overflow auditorium, with games, crafts, music, food and dress that reflect the culture of our students and the families they come from, a chance for them to share their culture with us."

In general, the school is traditionally academic.

"One thing that helped us a lot was when (former superintendent) Walter Marks...designated Fairmont as a University lab school but didn't (assign us a specific) plan. We were able to design our own plan and have stuck to the traditional all the way through."

The "Reading-Writing-Arithmetic" orientation was the direction parents from Fairmont's school site council preferred, said Bennett. "They didn't want the extracurricular types of activities he proposed at other sites."

At the same time, he believes the students are receiving a well-rounded, full education.

"I like to think that we tend to do lots (of activities reflecting) a variety of good basic education practices here at school," he said. "We encourage writing through our postal program (students write to each other); like our multicultural nights, they are funded with the support of the (district) Ed Fund (and we have more grant proposals in the works)."

Older students are also encouraged in their private reading endeavors through an incentive program sponsored by the P.T.A. Pizza Hut also participates, providing pizzas to students and to entire classes who have reached

their reading goals.

In addition, said Bennett, "we promote the fine arts. We have artists in the classroom, and our instrumental program is growing (we never ignore the arts). Our primary students in grades 1 through 3, are taking recorder classes as an encouragement to them and preparation for later instruments. We're also heavy into science and science fairs."

Each room has three computers; teachers are trained in their use and in computer instruction.

On the other end of the scale, the school has developed a sequential skills program in the area of physical education, involving all the children from first through sixth grade (the kindergarten students have their own p.e. activities). "Jump Rope for Heart" is a fundraiser for the American Heart Association; all the children are involved, and a 6th-grade demonstration team assists in training.

An end-of-the-year track and field day allows the upper-grade students to demonstrate their skills in 10 different track events.

"Our pitch is physical conditioning," said Bennett. "We stress the equality of ladies and gentlemen in athletics."

A canned food collection during the holiday season and later in the year helps students think beyond their own needs; "we try to help them understand that people are still hungry in February or April," he said. The Richmond Rescue Mission and the Salvation Army are the recipients.

Bennett sees family participation as a key to the school's success, whether enjoying the traditional school carnival or parent dinners, participating in the multicultural family events, or attending the Math and Science nights that give suggestions for working on academic skills in the family setting.

"We've tried to promote the feeling within ourselves and our community that we're not concerned with how much money we can generate as a school," said Bennett. "What we want is as much participation as you can give — where it doesn't cost you any money at all, just your time."

Hill

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Hortensia Chang always enjoyed the hill from a distance, appreciating the place as "an oasis in the middle of an urban setting." She ripped ivy tendrils in a shady spot on the steep eastern slope, while her husband John Nelson, dug up a melon-sized fennel root a few hundred feet below.

"You reach a point where it's time to give something back," she said, summing up her reasons for volunteering her Saturday to the project.

Taking care of Albany Hill involves a delicate balance of both preservation and restoration. Preserving the area means just that — holding onto the natural open space and preventing further development. Many of the people who showed up for Saturday's crew said that they had always assumed that the hill was entirely owned and managed by the city of Albany. In fact, parts are owned by the city, parts are private property, and still other parts are dedicated open space — privately held but protected from further development. One section of the hill is currently on the real estate market.

Saturday's focus was on caring for open land which to these community members is like an extension of their own back yards. Their task requires an informed approach.

Barbara Erter, a botanist and Collections Manager at UC Berkeley's Herbarium, guides the restoration by identifying which plants should be removed and which will be left alone.

"There are over 200 different plant types on the hill, and half of these are non-native; I don't worry about the ones that are minding their own business," she said.

If left unchecked, however, some of the introduced plants will push out indigenous species and disturb what was once a balanced ecosystem. Erter identifies rare plants like the "gokow," a blue-flowered lily, and directs the volunteers to leave these rarities intact.

The Tasmanian bluegum eucalyptus tree is one of the non-native species that have proliferated in the area. It was introduced a century ago to provide a buffer for the town against a dynamite factory that was built on the west side of the hill. Gradually, such introduced species

have encroached on the buckeye, willows, Camores and coast live oaks. For restoration purposes, the eucalyptus had to go.

However, the eucalyptus home to one of Albany's glorious visitors — the butterfly. Each fall, masses in clusters on the hill's trees at they journey from their winter homes in the south.

As grant coordinators enlisted the expert advice of biologists to ensure that the ward restoration, there was found a habitat on hill, preparing for the pairing of eucalyptus populations, relied upon an ornithologist to determine the nesting songbirds, hummingbirds, horned owls that live on the hill was able to specify September as safe time for removal.

For Fitzgerald, the hill has been a process. "The first year it was the next time, I had been photograph the great hill for a year and I just never she recalled.

"Then, I was sitting on a bench and another man there said, 'There's a owl that's just landed on me. It's the story of my life all around you and it's when to reveal itself.'"

After the volunteers the day, a few area vision on the peak of the hill, narrow frame in the couple of local residents russet mists gather under Gate Bridge in the distance.

The Boyer-Davidson had just moved three from San Francisco into near the hill unloaded from the trunk of their car. About the nearby open Boyer said that he was deer had managed to see an urban setting. "We're in our window the right here in Albany."

The Friends of Albany conduct another workday, Oct. 28. For further information call 528-3236.

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3:30 pm WWII Commemoration Service - Task Force 16
Guest Speaker, Chief of Naval Operations - USS Hornet - Pier 2 - NAS Alameda

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By Fern Luoma

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A graduate of Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, Halpren was a controller eight years for a division of a national department chain in Pittsburgh. Wanting a change, he moved to Mendocino and after a year discovered he was a city person. He then moved to San Francisco, where he worked for Tax Analyst Company and later became a partner doing income tax and business accounting and services.

Selling his partnership, Halpren then took another job as chief finance officer of Medical Systems Engineering. After eight years he decided to open his office in Albany, where he has tremendous support from the neighborhood and business community. One may call Halpren at 528-6300 for a no-obligation meeting to discuss your business needs and how he may be of service to you.

Halpren's wife, Linda, is a high school teacher in Oakland. They have two sons and a

daughter. In off-duty time they enjoy the theater, jazz, hiking, and are involved in the community.

Seventh Anniversary for Solano Copy Center

"We are so grateful to the businesses and residents of Albany, Kensington, El Cerrito and Richmond, because they have really cared for us since we took over Solano Copy Center," said Louie Jauregui, one of the owner/operators.

"From the very beginning we felt as if the community was out to help us succeed. And we must report that, thanks to everyone's help, we have! We bought this store on Oct. 17, 1988, exactly one year before Bay Area's big earthquake, and our store's growth has been joyfully remarkable," he concluded.

Solano Copy Center, located at 1151 Solano Ave., is owned by two couples: Sandhya and Kirt Doshi and Anita and Louie Jauregui. The husbands, Kirt and Louie, are the ones who operate the store on a day-to-day basis. Together, they offer highly personalized and professional attention to a wide variety of their customers' needs.

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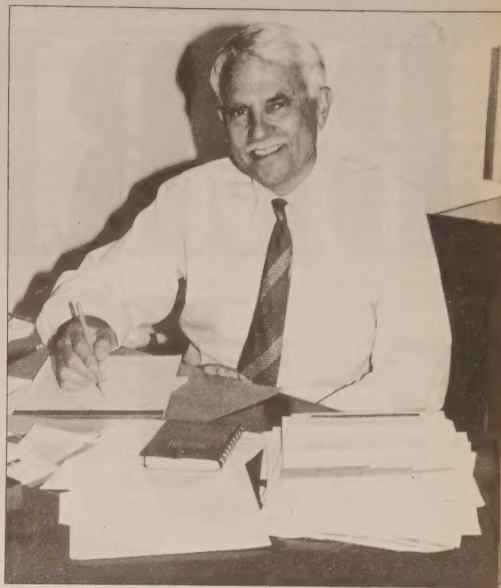
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For reservations and information, phone 526-9700.

El Cerrito police officers honored

EL CERRITO — Officers Jeffrey Albrandt and Anthony Matuska of the El Cerrito Police Department were honored for their work against auto theft at a special ceremony last Tuesday.

The officers received the "10851 Award" from the California Highway Patrol and the California State Automobile Association Inter-Insurance Council. It was presented by representatives of the CSAA and the CHP. The award is named after the section of the California Vehicle Code dealing with theft. It is presented to uniformed enforcement officers who attain high goals for vehicle theft reduction and arrests of suspects.

Albrandt, who has been with the department for 4-1/2 years, was responsible for six recoveries last year and made 15 arrests. Matuska, 1-1/2 years at the E.C.P.D., was responsible for six recoveries and made 11 arrests.

For both Albrandt and Matuska, El Cerrito is their first position. "Thanks to the dedication of law enforcement officers like these award recipients, many of our policyholders have been able to reclaim a major investment — their car," said CSAA spokesperson Kathi Sooter.

The CSAA Inter-Insurance Bureau provides insurance for about two million private passenger vehicles on a not-for-profit basis in California and Nevada.

CSAA's auto theft claims in the Richmond Hilltop area jumped 20 percent last year. According to CSAA figures, the CHP reported a two percent rise in Contra Costa County auto thefts between 1993 and 1994. In 1994,

5,336 vehicles were reported stolen in Contra Costa County; law enforcement officers recovered 5,100 stolen vehicles.

Statewide, 300,028 vehicle thefts were reported stolen in 1994, with 260,915 vehicles recovered, at an 87 percent recovery rate.

Officials lament tobacco prevention cutbacks

As funding for local tobacco prevention efforts shrinks, health officials are warning residents to beware of the role advertising is playing in luring young people to use tobacco.

The Contra Costa County Health Services Department's Tobacco Prevention Project says the warning is particularly timely because of the opportunity the public has to respond until Nov. 8 to proposed federal regulations to regulate tobacco advertising and access for young people.

"We are at a very historic and delicate point," said Galen Ellis, Director of the County's Tobacco Prevention Project.

On the one hand, we have an unprecedented increase in spending by the tobacco industry for both advertising targeting youth and political spending to influence legislation. "On the other hand, to fight back, we have the smallest amount of funding available locally since voters approved Proposition 99, the cigarette tax."

Ellis said the county once had \$500,000 to conduct grassroots tobacco prevention and education, most of it aimed at young people. Now, as

a result of recent action by the State Legislature, those funds have been slashed to \$110,000.

"We've virtually lost the ability to encourage local grassroots prevention efforts and counter-advertising campaigns at a time when young people are being heavily recruited by the tobacco industry to use their products," Ellis said, adding the industry must replace 2 million customers who either quit smoking or die each year.

According to Ellis, the proposed federal regulations would ban cigarette sales from vending machines, allow sales of cigarettes and chewing tobacco only to those over 18 years, ban the sale of individual cigarettes or packs with fewer than 20 cigarettes,

forbid name brand tobacco advertising at sporting events and on products like t-shirts not related to smoking, forbid outdoor advertising within 1,000 feet of schools and playgrounds, limit cigarette advertising in magazines with significant numbers of young readers to black-and-white text with no pictures and require tobacco companies to fund \$150 million for a public education campaign.

Ellis encouraged residents to write the FDA with comments about the proposed regulations at Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Docket Number 95N-0253J, Food and Drug Administration, Room 1-23, 12420 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, MD 20857. The deadline is Nov. 8.

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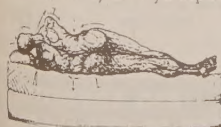
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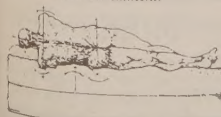
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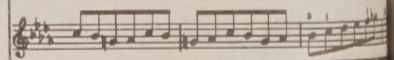
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Rev. Blank to lecture

Deborah Blank, an international minister and international lecturer, will be the featured speaker on a Course in Miracles, a meeting at the Alameda United Methodist Church on Sunday, Oct. 9. All are invited to attend.

Rev. Blank, a native of Albany and a graduate of Albany State and the University of California, has led weekly meditation/quiet groups and workshops in the area since 1990 based on the principles of "A Course in Miracles."

Sign up for tennis fundraiser

El Cerrito Tennis Improvement Association and the city of El Cerrito are inviting one and all to attend annual fall fund raiser on Sunday, Oct. 28. The theme for this year's event is Wild West Cattle and Silent Auction.

Tickets are \$30 each, which includes a bag of playing chips, hors d'oeuvres, a full BBQ chicken dinner, soft drink, espresso, an opportunity to take part in the auction and chance to win prizes. There will

also lectures internationally on the transformational power of forgiveness.

She is currently on sabbatical in Rome, where she is writing a book while leading Miracle gatherings.

The church is located at Marina and Stannage Avenues in Albany but please use the 980 Stannage entrance to the Social Hall.

Door opens at 7:30 p.m. with gathering starting promptly at 8 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. There is no charge and all are welcome.

also be live music and free Line-Dance lessons. Doors open at 6 p.m., western attire is encouraged. Children under the age of 18 will not be permitted.

Proceeds from the event will go toward restoration and maintenance of the city's public tennis courts, as well as the construction of a new tennis court at Arlington Park.

Tickets will only be sold on a mail-in basis, to get an order form call ECTIA at 451-0825.

New owner takes over



Jim Oki is the new owner of the Tri Service Auto Center, which has been serving El Cerrito for well over 25 years. Kunio Shibata, Tosh Ron Shibata, and Tom Honda retired from the business at the end of July in order to enjoy "some golf, fishing and just plain relaxing." Oki was previously employed at Tri Service and is well acquainted with all phases of its operation.

Solano Avenue Association

Stroll Wrap-Up

Well, the East Bay's biggest block party was a wonderful success. The weather was perfect, the crowds were friendly, and the food and entertainment were divine! We hope you all had a grand time.

If you were notified that you won an item at the Silent Auction, please send in your money for the item or call if you do not want to buy the item. We can then contact the next highest bidder. The longer we get away from the Stroll, the more difficult this becomes and we need to support the event with the sale of these items. So please help out here by contacting us, at 527-5358.

Poster entry artwork was displayed in many of the stores on Solano. If you have seen yours, you may ask the merchant for it back. Unfortunately, some of the work never was distributed and you may pick it up by giving us a call.

We sold out of adult T-shirts but still have a few children's, sizes medium and large. Only \$10 for

100 percent cotton shirts!

If you would like to sign up to volunteer for next year's Stroll, we can always use the help. If you are interested in having a booth, you can send us a S.A.S.E. and note the type of booth in which you are interested, to 1563 Solano, #101, Berkeley 94705.

Thanks again to all of our sponsors, merchants and volunteers who made the day run smoothly. The Stroll happened without any glitches.

Need Artwork in Your Business? We have a framed collection of 10 Solano Stroll posters that need a temporary home. We're trying to rotate them around the Avenue. Cover up that hole in the wall!

Directories Available A free directory of all of the member businesses on Solano Avenue is available at most of the stores along Solano. Or you may give us a call and we will send you one. This is a great reference tool, especially for the restaurant listings. Post it by your phone for to-go dinners!

Lotter

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stolen: a 1984 Toyota Camry from Stockton and San Jose; a 1984 Toyota Camry from Stockton and San Jose; a 1983 Toyota Cressida from the 700 block of Central on the night of Sept. 23, a 1987 Toyota Camry from El Cerrito High School on the night of Sept. 22, a 1994 Camry from the 1200 block of Central on the night of Sept. 29, and a Chevrolet pickup from the 1200 block of Arlington Boulevard on the night of Sept. 25.

A homeless woman was arrested on the night of Sept. 13 in the 1700 block of Lexington Avenue.

* A number of auto burglaries were reported. A CD player and CDs were taken from a vehicle parked in the 400 block of Everett during the early morning hours of Sept. 19; a car in the 6700 block of Hagen Boulevard was ransacked during the night of Sept. 19 and \$4 taken.

Miscellaneous items were taken from a flatbed truck parked in the 1700 block of Eastshore Boulevard during the night of Sept. 19; gas was also siphoned from the trunk.

Cellular phones were taken from vehicles parked in the 6700 block of Cutting (Sept. 18 to 20) and the 800 block of Norvell (Sept. 22 to 27); a phone, TV, VCR, briefcase

and Igloo refrigerator were taken from a vehicle in the 1700 block of Eastshore Boulevard during the night of Sept. 22.

* A spare tire was taken from the trunk of a vehicle parked at Key, south of Cutting Boulevard, during the daytime Aug. 24; a cassette deck and sleeves were taken from a car parked in the lot at the Mira Vista Country Club on the evening of Sept. 23.

* Miscellaneous items were taken from a vehicle in the 2000 block of Junction on the morning of Sept. 25 and the 600 block of Kearney Street between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. Sept. 20.

Nothing was reported stolen from three other vehicles illegally

entered: one in the 1700 block of Eastshore Boulevard during the early morning hours Sept. 23, the second in the 700 block of Kearney between Sept. 17 and 22 (lock punched), and the third in the 900 block of Galvin Drive at 3:50 a.m. Sept. 21. In the latter case, the burglar(s) were evidently frightened off by the car's alarm.

* A rear license plate was reported stolen at Cypress and South 56th Street between Sept. 12 and 19.

* Two El Cerrito men were arrested for being inside a vehicle without permission in the Lucky lot at 9:40 a.m. Sept. 22.

* A vehicle windshield was reported broken in the 6500 block

of Gladys on the afternoon or evening of Sept. 20.

* An El Sobrante man was arrested at Stockton and Richmond at 11:34 a.m. Sept. 6 for driving at excessive speeds.

* A Richmond man was arrested at San Pablo Avenue and Hill Street at 8:40 a.m. Sept. 23 for giving false information to the officer after a traffic stop.

* A Rodeo man was arrested for possession of methamphetamines at San Pablo Avenue and Cutting Boulevard at 2:30 a.m. Sept. 25.

* A Richmond man was arrested for possession of a loaded firearm and for driving a vehicle unlicensed at Carlson and Fairmount at 3:22

a.m. Oct. 1.

* An Emporium employee was threatened by an irate customer at about 11:40 a.m. Sept. 17.

* Six incidents of domestic violence were reported.

* Arrests for shoplifting were reported at the Emporium (a homeless man, and El Cerrito man and an Oakland man), at Target (an Oakland woman, a Richmond woman, a Rodeo woman, a homeless man, and El Cerrito woman and an El Cerrito man), and at FoodsCo (a Richmond woman who used force on the manager when apprehended).

* A recycling theft was reported in the 2500 block of Tamalpais.

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■ MARTIN SNAPP

Rush To Judgment: Well, I take it all back. I was so sure O.J. killed them.

But the jury says he's innocent, and the jury is always right.

I thought his blood on the driveway proved he did it. I thought Nicole's and Ron's blood on his sock proved he did it. I thought Nicole's and Ron's blood in his car proved he did it.

But the jury says he's innocent, and the jury is always right.

I thought the limo driver directly refuting his alibi proved he did it. I thought his history of stalking and beating Nicole proved he did it. I thought his failure to explain the cut on his hand proved he did it.

But the jury says he's innocent, and the jury is always right.

I thought his failure to explain what happened to that mysterious golf bag proved he did it. I thought his failure to come up with any other suspect proved he did it. I thought the notion that the cops (who cut O.J. as much slack as possible every time Nicole called 911) suddenly pulled a 180-degree reverse and decided to frame him was so laughable, nobody could possibly believe it.

But the jury says he's innocent, and the jury is always right.

What does it all prove? Money talks and justice walks. In the end, O.J. just had too much juice.

And who was the big loser? The African-American community, hands down.

I sure hope they're enjoying their symbolic victory, because they're going to pay for it bigtime in the real world.

They got suckered into backing O.J. (even though he has never shown any particular inclination to be black himself) by Johnny Cochran's cynically clever use of the race card.

Yes, the LAPD is a racist cesspool. But, as the old farmer said, "even a blind pig can find an acorn now and then."

The cops may have been blind, and one of them — Mark Fuhrman — certainly is a pig. But this time they found the right acorn.

As a result of the verdict, a lot of whites think they are victims of racism. And there's nothing more dangerous than a majority that thinks of itself as the oppressed minority. It's a demagogue's delight.

These whites won't go out and riot in the streets. They'll go to the polls and vote for Newt Gingrich. And a lot of black people are going to suffer as a result.

Nice job, O.J.

Of course, O.J. doesn't care. The notoriety won't hurt his career one bit. This is a country that worships fame, no matter what kind. After all, Bob Guccione offered a column to the Unabomber, and Guns 'N' Roses records songs by Charles Manson.

O.J. will recoup his trial expenses with his pay-for-view TV deal. And it won't be long before you see him on the Tonight Show, with all the guys in the audience pumping their arms and yelling, "Juice! Juice! Juice!"

The lawyers will do just fine, too. Shapiro will spend his days at the Polo Lounge, ogling all the babes. Dershowitz will go back to Harvard and "Nightline." Bailey will be able to afford the most expensive booze.

And Johnny Cochran will become the richest man on the planet. I mean, if you were accused of a crime, wouldn't you want him defending you?

In short, everyone is going to make out like gangbusters. It's a happy ending for all.

All except the Browns and the Goldmans, that is.

In other O.J. news, Dick and Patsy Linder, two visitors to the Bay Area from Corvallis, Ore., walked into the Bruno Magli store at San Francisco's Union Square last week and asked, "Do you have..."

"Stop right there!" the clerk replied. "I know just what you're looking for!"

And he trotted out a pair of Bruno Magli Lorenzos, size 12 — the same size and model that O.J. allegedly wore the night of the murders.

"We get at least a dozen tourists coming in every day, wanting to see them," he explained.

Naturally, I called the Bruno Magli store to find out if it was true. The manager confirmed the story, but added that he's trying to discourage these looky-loos from coming in.

"They," he sniffed, "are not our kind of customer."

Meanwhile, do you remember my nephew Ben? The last time I wrote about him, he was working as Zsa Zsa Gabor's private secretary. But lately he's had a new gig: working for CNN at the O.J. trial.

"You know how, whenever a CNN reporter does a stand-up report in front of the courthouse, some guy carrying a huge sign with a Biblical quotation always tries to get in the picture?" he says. "And you know how somebody always tackles him to get him out of the shot? That's me! My official job title is 'Designated Jesus Freak Tackler.'"

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Creeks

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irrelevant when "taken over by the larger Plaza's needs."

He urged the council to hold off on committing funds to the project until a larger study can be undertaken on the Plaza and the surrounding neighborhood.

Resident Leon McNeeley also said he'd like the study delayed. Money would be more wisely spent in a more encompassing study, he said.

Raising another issue, residents Peter Loubal and Mike Daly urged that the study look at the possibilities for connecting the BART path with the Shoreline Park Trail. (Council member Jane Bartke later expressed

her agreement that better access for walkers is a top priority.)

Council members voted unanimously in favor of moving ahead now with the study.

"I've always contemplated the creek study as a separate study but (one which) would fit into an overall strategic plan for the whole South Gateway area," said Norma Jellison, who would include San Pablo Avenue through Central and Fairmount Avenues, as well as the Plaza and the El Cerrito BART station in such a "real estate and economic analysis" study.

"I also think it's time we did something," said Mayor Norman La Force, noting the long-standing

interest of El Cerrito's citizens in the shopping center. "Design changes (in the study)...(could) make the Plaza as it is more usable."

"If we waited until we could plan the whole area as an organic whole, we'd be here past the year 2000," La Force, referring to the continuing delay in city has faced in getting all the Plaza projects to plan for its future.

The proposed study is not expected to be completed in cost. The city of Albany and Milton have a large portion of El Cerrito Plaza, have a total of \$2,500 to the project.

Meeting

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and safety (including analysis possible soil contamination) and construction period impacts.

The EIR must examine the consistency of the proposed project with adopted local and regional plans, such as the Clean Air Act and the regional congestion management plan. Wagstaff labelled that responsibility as Task Three.

Task Four, he said, is the state-imposed requirement to "look at a reasonable range of alternatives to the proposed (project)." Among the alternatives the EIR must examine, he said, are the impacts of having no project at all at the site, adopting a reconfigured site plan or a modified mix of land uses, or pursuing the same project at a different site. (El Cerrito Plaza has been suggested as a possible site for a smaller theater.)

Wagstaff estimated an administrative draft EIR would be ready in 11 to 13 weeks.

When the draft EIR is released publicly, citizens typically have 45 days to submit written or spoken comments on what Wagstaff characterized as "the principal environmental document of the process."

A public hearing before the Planning Commission will likely be scheduled at this time; Wagstaff said he finds written comments most useful, since they can be more detailed.

He expected the Draft EIR to be published in about mid-March of 1996, with the public hearing some time in April.

By law, the EIR writers must comment on every substantive comment on an environmental issue that has been made.

"We don't do 'comment acknowledged' or 'comment noted' — that's a common one," Wagstaff said. (That is a legal approach.) In addition, Wagstaff said it is not his company's style to write "Master Responses," then answering individual questions with notes like, "See Master Response 1A."

The Final EIR, which is also subject to public hearings, may be issued by early June of 1996, he said. It will include the revised Draft EIR, all comments received and all responses made to them. The Final EIR will be heard before the Planning Commission and the El Cerrito City Council. No formal action is allowed on the project until the EIR is certified.

Public comment that followed Wagstaff's comments included many challenges to the project itself.

Several specific suggestions as to the scope of the EIR were made, however. They included:

- consideration of a park buffer between the development and the residential neighborhood; examination of access across San Pablo Avenue, particularly for those disabled or elderly theatre patrons;
- consideration of an alternate site;
- study as to whether parking will be free or paid, with the revenues providing some compensation for air pollution and other impacts of the increased driving involved;
- study of an alternative "flip-flopping" of the proposed layout, with the retail and residential component at the Mayfair site and the theater on the BART property;
- study of potential crime, landscaping, and parking impacts during the construction period;
- examination of proposed accommodations for disabled employees;
- evaluation of smaller theater projects in 500-seat increments;
- evaluation of possible impacts on the ground water that will enter the city's storm drains.

"A number of comments that came up at that meeting were pretty helpful. We are revising and expanding the scope of the EIR to include those comments," Wagstaff said Tuesday.

Revision of the report's scope will affect its cost. Though that number is not yet set, Wagstaff still thinks the price will come in at about \$150,000.

He responded Tuesday to a comment made by several citizens at the meeting and repeated by resident Peter Loubal at Monday night's council meeting, questioning what they believe is a low price.

Loubal had said Monday, "(One) cannot do a good job for \$150,000. It's questionable if (one) can do a good job for \$450,000."

A study with real value, one that "can stand up in court," he believes, "will cost real money, and nothing else will suffice."

Wagstaff has a different perspective.

"We've been preparing EIRs for cities and counties for the last 15 years, including for similar projects around the Bay Area," he said. "The typical cost range is between \$50,000 and \$200,000."

Wagstaff does have experience with a more expensive report. Currently, the company is working on a

project in a rural area of California that covers 100 acres and 6,000 new residences.

"Essentially, it's a new town," he said. "It will cost us almost \$500,000, but it's not unusual."

During the meeting and later, Wagstaff responded to a suggestion that the EIR look at the impacts of the proposed projects — revenues and potential sales tax revenue. While the decision as to whether a financial study should be included is up to the city, he has not found that to be common. He said, CEQA's emphasis is on keeping a project possible to an environmental orientation.

The bottom line, he said, is that the city has all the information on the project in front of it. The decision is finally made on the project's environmental, financial or any other aspect. Information can be obtained in two ways, he said.

An EIR is normally set up in sections. Environmental setting, impacts and mitigation analysis would comprise a second section of the report and, in this case, would be subcontracted to Wagstaff and Associates.

The second common approach, he said, is for a major financial concern, is for the city to hire another company to prepare that financial study. One more adept in that area, he said.

Citizens opposed to the theater project used every opportunity to speak at Monday's city council meeting. Wagstaff attended, about a half-dozen residents spoke at length on the theater issue, which was on the agenda. Comments included questioning developer's background and qualifications, kinds of employment opportunities that would be available (the speaker challenged the company's history in hiring mostly non-union wage employees). Loubal also said a financial study being considered against the city.

In addition, resident Beverly Geant said signed by over 400 people opposing the project said that letter had been circulating before the proposed scope had been reduced (from 24-screen theatre) but expressed her hope that the letter was still uniform in tone to the project.

Science

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fensive. There are unfortunate realities in unfortunate students have to live with or anything else," Hudson said, "but science isn't the only area to suffer."

"We've simply retrenched a little bit at the point we're at now. Perhaps we need a presentation to the board. There's a bra course at Albany Middle School."

"The answers are more financially philosophical. I don't agree with what was said tonight," Hudson told the board.

Board President Alan Riffer took on the offer to bring the matter before the board, extensive information on the subject.

"I would like information about school philosophy as the reason for a one semester requirement and individual electives, and students' interests in a variety of information," he said.

Hudson said in a later interview has been a one semester requirement since the middle school's opening in the '60s.

Police

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that no such check had ever been written.

"When (arresting) the suspect, the story we're typically given is, 'A guy named Joe...asked me to cash it for him; he said he forgot his i.d.'"

The "pay to" portion of the check had been blank; the suspect then entered his own name, to help out "Joe." Occasionally, "Joe" is found. Often, he is not.

"If someone approaches you in that way, especially if he offers an inordinate amount of money as a reward for helping him — maybe \$50 for cashing a \$200 check, you should figure something's wrong," said Horgan. "In assisting him, you open yourself up to criminal prosecution. Regardless of the story we hear, my report does end up in the D.A.'s office."

Sometimes the card artist is identified.

"Typically, it's someone who does this a lot," he said.

Horgan gave some indication of the frequency with which this con game occurs. There's no reason to call the police if you turn down a request for help, he said.

"If people called in whenever they were approached, I'd be doing nothing else all day," he said.

The blank check scam isn't the only game in town.

In a second variation, someone may meet you outside the Emporium, for example, and claim to be short on cash. He or she offers to let you use a store credit card in return

for the cash you would have spent. The card turns out to be worthless, perhaps stolen.

Most recently, merchants in the area have been seeing an upswing in counterfeit traveller's checks. Though Horgan is only aware of one such incident in El Cerrito so far, he said nearby cities have had more problems caused by the fake color copies.

"If you can think of it, they can do it," Horgan said.

A domestic incident Sept. 29 was resolved with the help of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department. According to commander Jay Clark, a female resident came into the department at about 1 a.m. to report that her husband, who had been drinking, had threatened her with loaded weapons.

Officers determined that there were no other people in the Walnut Avenue residence and kept it under surveillance. At about 5:30 p.m., members of the sheriff's department were deployed into the area at the request of the El Cerrito P.D. to provide negotiators and special entry personnel as needed and to serve an arrest warrant and search warrant.

At about 6:15 p.m., the man exited the front door and was taken into custody without incident. No shots were fired during the day or during the time of arrest.

A shotgun and handgun were removed from the home after a search.

Albany cable television performance review

ALBANY — The City Council held a public hearing to review the performance and quality of cable television service in Albany Tuesday night.

Tony Caine, a citizen representative on the Albany Cable Television Committee, called for more stereo sound and community access.

But upgrading on Century Cable's small system costs more per customer than upgrading larger systems.

"There are more viewers to amortize the cost on larger systems," Century Cable General Manager Jeff Butler said. "It costs the same to upgrade whether you have 8,000 or 250,000 subscribers," he said.

Caine described Century Cables' prices as on the "high end of reasonable."

Albany's cable consultant, CSG, Inc. of Oakland, has said rate increases implemented in May may have come before proper City Council review, according to a staff report. The council is scheduled to review the situation at its Oct. 16 meeting.

Century Cable increased rates from \$19.20 for basic service monthly to \$21.79 on May 1. Century also increased its rate for "Century Select Channels — CNN, TNT and Discovery — to \$2.25 each from \$1 each. On other cable services these networks are usually free.

Century has added five new cable channels this year. The channels are the Independent Channel, Cartoon Network, the Sci-Fi Channel, the Weather Channel, and the Weather Channel.

Butler said a change in billing procedure caused complaints. Century changed billing from monthly basis to billing at staggered intervals.

During the past year Century moved its offices to San Pablo Avenue, just across the street from the city.

Bill Jones, director of recreation and cultural services, said there will be an update on cable next month.

El Cerrito prepares to resurface, improve city streets

EL CERRITO — The city's annual street resurfacing program will commence soon. Bids were set to close last week on the program, which is balanced between asphalt overlays, maintenance slurry seals and some street and intersection reconstruction.

One of the major projects scheduled will take place at the intersection of Liberty and Lincoln streets.

"All four corners will be reconstructed," said maintenance and engineering supervisor Mori Struve. "We'll be constructing new curb gutters and ramps;... non-working culverts will be removed."

When those tasks are complete, the intersection will be repaved.

Work in the 2500 block of Carquinez was prompted by

a petition from residents, according to Struve. He said residents believe they have lost the height of their curbing due to continuous resurfacing projects in the area. As a result, they said, water has been entering their yards and driveways.

"We're going to restore the curb height...basically restoring the gutter," Struve said.

In a third reconstruction project (and a simpler one), an area of sunken pavement will be patched over on Richmond Street, 100 feet south of Central.

Segments of five streets will receive complete overlay as part of the resurfacing program: Ashbury from Fairmount to Stockton, Kearney from Fairmount to Eureka, Terrace from Stockton to Galvin, Wildcat including

the cul de sac and 200 feet north (north of the slide area), and Fairmount from Liberty to Central.

Other streets will receive a slurry seal treatment is not quite as substantial as the asphalt overlay, the slurry seal (accompanied by a mix) is considered to be a permanent improvement of the asphalt surface.

Streets to be treated with a slurry seal include Buckingham from Contra Costa to the city limits, from Eureka to Moers, Lassen from Central to the city limits, from San Diego from the west city limits to the city limits, from Yolo from Central to El Dorado, from Ward, Norvell from Stockton to Moers, (northbound) from Lynn to B Street.

Winners' Brien redeems himself—for the moment

Brien, the 49ers second kicker from Cal, never had to have job security in the National Football League. He was a kicker's life is like.

Things were even when he'd imagined. In fact, he was ridiculous.

When he arrived at 49ers headquarters last week, he was sent a message. George Seifert, the head coach, wanted to see him in his office.

Like the walking dead, Brien climbed the stairs to the second floor.

He didn't have to be a genius to see the topic of conversation. Brien had butchered kicking for a 40-yard field goal two days earlier, and the 49ers had lost a game they should have won. No matter

what anyone said, Brien was responsible. Maybe Seifert was going to sacrifice him.

It didn't help that Brien was only 6-for-13 in field-goal attempts from 40 yards or beyond, and it certainly didn't help that Seifert had complained publicly that Brien's kickoffs were too short. All in all, he'd been receiving a poor job evaluation the past few weeks ("The subject's mind tends to wander and he can't focus on the task at hand,").

The 49ers had certainly been busy since the infamous missed field goal. In a 24-hour period they'd auditioned three other kickers, including Tony Zendejas. Brien knew all about that, and it felt weird, like strangers living in



Lowell Cohn

his house, eating off his dishes, gabbing on his phone, sleeping in his bed.

As Brien walked into Seifert's office he was also aware of something that had happened in the 49ers locker room right after that humiliating game in Detroit. Team owner Eddie DeBartolo had been there, and he'd shoved Brien, actually placed his arm on

Brien's shoulder and pushed. "Come on, Doug!" he'd shouted. This was so different from DeBartolo's usual demeanor which amounted to hugging players and adoring them. Such hostility frightened Brien, made him wonder if soon he would be out, cut loose, history.

So Brien walked into the office, and Seifert looked grim. No fatherly arm around the shoulder here. No "Atta boys." Seifert said he'd been reading the newspapers and didn't appreciate Brien saying he hadn't missed the Detroit field goal because of pressure. He'd just plain missed.

"That pissed me off," Seifert told him. "Maybe you should feel pressure. Maybe you don't care enough." And then Seifert did the

most curious thing. He offered Brien his hand. "You can clean out your locker and we can call it quits right now," Seifert said, kissing him off.

"I've worked so hard for this," Brien said. "I don't want to quit."

"Then get your s— together," Seifert snapped. To Brien this meant one thing. He'd be kicking for his job on Sunday against the Giants. And that's exactly how it felt when he walked onto the field for pregame warmups. Do or die. He looked around, told himself this might be his last trip to Candlestick as a player, and he tried to remember everything about the place.

But he wasn't feeling entirely hopeless. It might have seemed bizarre, but he was actually

looking forward to this game, to show he could handle the pressure, that he could rise above failure. Hey, everyone failed sometime, right?

He remembered what Steve Wallace had said to him on the bus as they left the Pontiac Silverdome. Players were avoiding Brien, and that felt weird, as if he was an outcast. All of a sudden, he heard Wallace's voice in his ear. "I've been there myself," Wallace confided. "All great players have to battle through tough times. Joe Montana did, and so did Jerry Rice and Steve Young. If you want to be great, you'll do it, too."

Brien took this advice with him

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Os hurt Jackets as they 'hold' De La Salle to 27

with Kaplan

As the season progresses, the De La Salle football coach's throat has probably been sore.

Coach Kaplan knows his team (4-0, 1-0 in the BVAL) is going to have a full tomorrow against Berkeley, which is ranked 12th in the state. This, compounded by the Spartans' effort last Saturday against Berkeley, a performance

was anything but spectacular for the first time in years, De La Salle doesn't look invin-

ibility his fast squad had possibly looked past the Jackets in anticipation of the huge clash with Pittsburg.

The idea of underestimating a team doesn't seem applicable here, as the Jacket clearly (2-2, 0-1 in the BVAL) can hang with the big boys as exhibited two weeks ago. Despite losing, 17-7, Berkeley outplayed Southern California juggernaut Bishop Amat amassing 263 yards of offense vs. 100 for Amat.

Berkeley coach Mike Tuasosopo wasn't about to be content with his team's efforts, and rightfully so. While the Jackets stuck it out against Amat and De La Salle, Berkeley could have played better. The Jackets committed seven turnovers in the two games including four Saturday.

De La Salle methodically put together a 73-yard scoring drive to take a 7-0 lead on its first possession. Berkeley responded, marching 47 yards on five plays but on first down from the Spartans 28, the Jackets fumbled the ball away. The turnover led directly to a De La Salle score and in fact, three of the Spartans touchdowns followed Jackets turnovers.

"It's easy, the team with the fewest mistakes wins," said Tuasosopo.

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Jeff Lindquist

James Barnes makes a great catch Saturday against powerhouse De La Salle.

Unbeaten St. Mary's refuses to budge

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AMEDA — The Encinal Jets are nearly immovable object

in the St. Mary's Panthers. The lines were nearly, rather completely immovable is a St. Mary's line which were more moveable than St.

Under clear blue skies, St. Mary's (4-0 overall, 1-0 in league)

in his first possession, capped with a 16-play, 16-yard touchdown run by Norman Haynes. The Panthers went on to defeat Encinal (2-2 in league) 6-0.

"It was a good opening drive and after that, we held on and played 'd,'" said Panther coach Dan Shaughnessy.

"On that drive they had five first downs and all five were aided by penalties," Encinal coach Jack Schram said. "We stopped them and it was fourth (and goal) from the three. A face mask (call) put it on the 1-yard line and gave them third down over."

In the end, St. Mary's had nine first downs to Encinal's five, but five of the Panthers' first downs came on that drive. St. Mary's had two drives where it failed to go 10 yards.

"Give the Jets credit," Shaughnessy said. "They adjusted to our heavy set. (But) we'd already scored. We knew the importance of this ball game."

The league-opener between de-

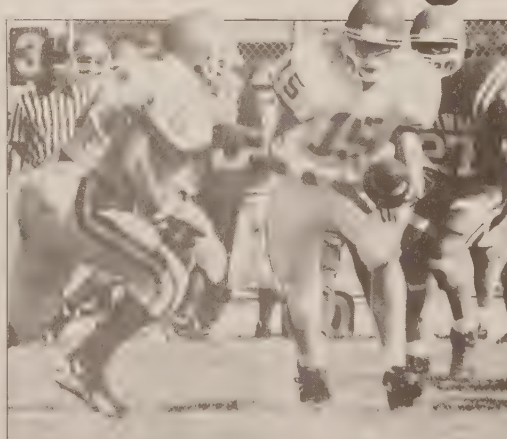
tending champs, the Jets penetrated inside the Panther 20 just twice, and one of those came on an interception. Encinal managed less than 100 yards of total offense against St. Mary's.

Encinal's most promising drive came early in the second period. Beginning on its own 43, the Jets drove to the Panther 21 with 5:27 remaining in the half.

A sack of Encinal quarterback Kyle Collins was followed by an incomplete pass, giving the ball back to the Panthers on downs.

But three plays later, Encinal lineman Chris Presley tipped a Dane Koths pass and linebacker Chad Reed came down with it at the Panther 20. But again, things went the Panthers' way when the Jets fumbled the ball away.

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Norman Haynes, who scored Panthers' only TD vs. Encinal Saturday, takes hand-off from Dane Koths.

Experienced Albany gets a little closer this time

Cathrall

Albany's Kermit Bankson took a scouting report. Giving 0-3 in preseason, the experienced Cougar football player figured that Piedmont was just the ticket. And after one week in a row by an score of two touchdowns, Albany at least closed the gap

in a 22-14 loss to the Highlanders, now 2-1-1.

Fullback Danny Wilcox and tailback Lewis Mackey each scored a four-yard touchdown and Donte Troupe kept both scoring drives alive with 52 yards on four nice receptions.

Big Doug Sims and his teammates on the defensive line kept Albany in the game, holding Pied-

mont to a 3-0 lead at halftime and doing a good job shutting down their running game.

Linebacker Theo Jerome gave the Cougars a big boost by intercepting Mike Adams on the first series of the game.

By late in the third quarter it was

only 8-0 and the Highlanders still hadn't scored a touchdown.

Midway through the third quarter, a blocked punt in Albany's end zone resulted in a 2-point safety for Piedmont. On Piedmont's next possession, Troupe made a great play in the end zone, knocking down a pass to Brian Washburn and forcing the Highlanders to kick their second field goal.

Coach Anthony Freeman must have given a pep talk to the Cougars at that point. After receiving the kickoff, Albany marched 72 yards in less than four minutes to tie Piedmont at 8-8, capped by Wilcox's short TD run and Mackey's sprint through the middle for a 2-point conversion.

A 16-yard pass by Berlin Germany to Kave Golabi highlighted

the Cougars' long scoring drive.

Just as Albany was getting its second wind, Piedmont struck with immediacy.

Following Albany's touchdown, the Highlanders' Hayden Tollas ran back the kickoff 76 yards for a touchdown, giving Piedmont a 15-8 lead with four seconds left in the quarter, just 13 seconds after the Cou-

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Weekend Football

Friday, Oct. 6 —

Kennedy at Albany 3:30 p.m.

Richmond at EC 7:30 p.m.

Berkeley at Liberty 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 7 —

Bishop O'Dowd

at St. Mary's 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 7 —

USC at Cal 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 8 —

Seattle at Raiders 1 p.m.

Lacy, defense make EC a power

By John Gardella

Coming into the 1995 season, the El Cerrito High football team needed to answer two questions:

First, would the Gauchos improve their defense enough to better last year's 4-6 record and to have hopes of postseason play? Second, would anyone step up to replace graduated tailback Ayodele Mitchell, who rushed for 1,200 yards in his senior season?

Four games in, the answer to both questions is yes.

Saturday's 41-13 drubbing of Alameda High in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League opener improved the Gauchos mark to 3-0-1, and showcased a stingy Gauchos defense and a revved-up running machine, tailback Antoine Lacy.

Not only is El Cerrito's defense improved from last year, it's one of the best in the East Bay. Prior to Saturday's game, the Gauchos had the sixth-ranked defense in the East Bay.

Saturday, El Cerrito held Alameda, which piled up 453 net yards against Hayward the previous week, to just 170 total yards (162 rushing, 8 passing).

El Cerrito 41
Alameda 13

Maniatis may be best in East Bay

By Gray Cathrall

A young and inexperienced St. Mary's cross country team, struggling for third place in league this year, proved that it has possibly the top runner in the ACCAL.

At last Thursday's league meet, the second of four central meets with all ACCAL schools competing, Panthers sophomore Ben Maniatis literally ran away from the competition, winning the race on Knowland Park's 2.7 mile course in 15-minutes, 24-seconds. His time was better than a half-minute ahead of Alameda's Ben Fields.

Mike Arp, also a sophomore, gave St. Mary's a 1-3 finish by crossing the line in 16:10, comfortably ahead of a pack of four O'Dowd runners. The Panthers varsity won second place (45 points; O'Dowd won with 30) with the help of freshman Ryan Torres (11th, 16:33), Scott McKenna (13th, 16:46) and James Jarosz (17th, 17:02). Justin Hite was 19th in 17:14 and Evan Ghidinelli, a freshman, was 20th in 17:23.

St. Mary's cross country coach Francis Mason was pleased but not surprised with the performance of Maniatis, one of only two returning runners from last year's team.

"I told Ben to go out early, and basically just win the race," he said. "I knew Piedmont wouldn't have all its runners because they were resting for the Stanford Invita-

tional."

With seven of eight runners healthy, the Panthers put on a strong showing, running 1-3-4 halfway through the race.

"We had a good race," Mason said. "We ran with great emotion and pride. We're a very young team, but Knowland Park was a good course for us. It's fairly flat."

"Ben ran a good, relaxed race, and Mike Arp is a talented runner. He's still learning how to run cross country."

Learning at Stanford
At the Stanford Invitational last Saturday, "reality set in," according to Mason.

Just two days after doing so well at the league meet, St. Mary's placed 13th out of the 18 top teams from throughout California. It was the first big meet for the Panthers and the first time running a 3.1 mile course for many of its runners.

"It was our worst showing ever; last year we were sixth," explained Mason. "The kids were a little down, especially when Piedmont came in second. But I told them this is all a learning experience. Only two of our kids have run cross country before, and we had five sophomores and two freshmen on our varsity."

Maniatis was 19th overall (out of 120 runners) in 17:40, Arp was 44th in 18:20, and Torres was 61st in 18:54.

"Ben needs to run closer to 17:20 to do well, but Ryan is running



St. Mary's Ben Maniatis takes 1st in last week's ACCAL meet.

really well for us. To place in the top half of the field at Stanford as a freshman is really good," said Mason.

The next central (league) meet is

at Tilden Park, the home course of St. Mary's. The expectation is that the Panthers will be motivated to do especially well against rivals O'Dowd and Piedmont.

Will USC treat Cal as a bump in road

By Sam Williams

If Cal players can take any consolation in this year's disappointing 1-3 start, it's the fact they won't have to worry about inflated egos—at least on their side of the ball—as they go up against No. 4-ranked USC this Saturday.

"I think probably the only people in the world who are giving us a chance is us," said Cal quarterback Pat Barnes, a player who would have been looking back on a career performance against Arizona last weekend if it weren't for the seven passes that slipped through his receivers' hands.

With such disappointments as last week's 20-15 loss already weighing on players' minds, it's not surprising that few Cal players seemed to express much emotion over last year's USC game, a 61-0 blowout at the L.A. Coliseum that saw the Trojans turn five special teams errors into a 35-0 halftime lead.

Barnes, who played only a minor role in last year's debacle before leaving the game with a separated shoulder following a blindsided hit from linebacker Israel Ifeanyi, shrugged off what muddled memories he still had of the game.

"I saw it as just a loss," he said.

"The score sucked, but I stopped paying attention. Still, if the Bears have a dominant performance Saturday, it's last year's game, not this year's record, that's early season's high and pressures—off a team that has shown continuous improvement."

"I think a lot of people to lie down against the junior fullback Brian Rutherford over the week's final score. The Trojan team that faced Notre Dame at South Bend after that, and Washington State, will look like a real fall schedule."

Barnes was quick to talk about the Bears' perfect position to pull off a surprise, a last-minute of then No. 1 ranked five years ago or Washington State's feat against former Penn State at Happy Valley. "I don't think coming here and looking at it," he said.

Cal CAL DIGEST

Cal 3rd in NorCal water polo tourney

Cal men's water polo team (10-2, tied with USC for the last week) hosted the 12-team NorCal Water Polo Tournament, placing third. The Bears defeated Long Beach State, UC San Diego, 16-6, on Saturday, but fell to No. 3 ranked USC, 11-1, in the semifinal match. Cal rebounded to defeat Pepperdine in the third-place match.

USC won the tournament with a 14-13 overtime victory. Freshman Ryan Flynn was the Bears' leading scorer over the 13 goals. Cal next hosts USC, Saturday, Oct. 7 beginning at Spieker Aquatics Complex.

Women's soccer team wins 2

The Cal women's soccer team went 2-0 last week by winning the 1994 NCAA Tournament and improving its record. On Wednesday, the Bears defeated St. Mary's, 2-1, by goals in a span of three minutes in the first half. Cal blanked Washington State, 1-0, on Sunday behind junior goalie's third shutout of the season.

The Bears extended their home winning streak to four with the Pac-10 victory over the Cougars. Cook's goals were 1.01 overall and 0.26 at home.

Cal will travel to Southern California for a pair of matches at UCLA and Sunday at UC Santa Barbara.

Men's soccer club home streak ends

Cal's men's soccer squad saw its five-match undefeated streak come to an end last week after falling, 2-1, to Arizona on Thursday. But, the Bears rebounded Sunday against Washington State, 1-1, in overtime to go to 4-4-2 on the season. Cal opens its MPSF conference schedule this week, visiting Oregon State before returning home to face San Jose State on Oct. 13 at Witter Field.

Field hockey team can clinch tie

The Cal women's field hockey team (3-3) improved to 1-1 in the Pac Conference with a 2-1 win over Pacific and a 1-0 victory last week. With a victory at Stanford next Saturday, the Bears at least a tie for their fourth-straight conference crown. Friesen is Cal's leading scorer with four goals.

Holy Names puts scare into Cougars

By Peter Mentor

In a league top-heavy with elites Albany and Bishop O'Dowd, Holy Names showed there is some hope for the rest of the girls' volleyball teams in the ACCAL.

Not a lot of hope, mind you, but some.

Holy Names did not upset Albany when the two previously undefeated teams met in the Holy Names College gym Tuesday.

The Cougars swept the Monarchs, 3-0.

Albany is confident it will go through the rest of the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League season unbeaten, especially after sweeping O'Dowd last week.

In fact, Albany coach Konrad Ott has said the team's goal is no less than winning a state title.

But the Monarchs showed the Cougars that they will have to do more than go through the motions to win every game and every match.

Albany came into the match confident. The Cougars had the better athletes, more experience and an ACCAL winning streak going back

two years.

Holy Names was nervous. The Monarchs have not been one of the better teams in the league over the past few years and they knew this Cougars team had just knocked off O'Dowd.

It was no surprise when the Cougars won the first game, 15-2, against the tentative Monarchs.

Then came the second game in this best-of-five match, the game that opened a crack for that little ray of hope.

Nothing to lose

After the first game the Monarchs played with nothing to lose. It could be the key for any other team looking to win a game or two off these powerful Cougars.

Holy Names played a gutsy game, forcing Albany to come from behind several times to win it. The Monarchs also had their chances to win, but the Cougars refuse to lose.

Holy Names led almost the entire way. The Monarchs went up 6-2, 9-6, and 13-10, but each time, Albany tied it up. The Cougars evened the score at 13, then went ahead, 14-13, on a Sara Ness kill to serve for the win.

Twice Holy Names fought off game point, the first time on a kill by Monarchs junior Naomi Okinishi

and the second time on an Albany shot into the net.

Holy Names sophomore Zaida Botello hit a winner off Albany's block to tie the match at 14. Albany junior Karen Sillers' kill gave the Cougars a side out again.

Botello hit another shot off a Cougars block to win the ball back, then senior Tamara Gabor served an ace for a Holy Names' 15-14 lead.

Two times Holy Names served to win the game, but one shot went into the net and Albany junior Lindsay Watty smashed the ball to the floor. Albany tied it at 15, then scored the next two points for the 17-15 victory.

The third game was more like the first. The Cougars needed 27 serves to win the game 15-7. Albany led from the start, but it was a close game at 7-6 when the Cougars went on an 8-1 run.

"The first game we weren't in it all the way," said Holy Names senior Kelley Leslie, who fired seven kills in the match. "We were nervous, thinking they were going to beat us. In the second game we felt we had nothing to lose. We felt we had a chance."

Ups and downs

Ott said it was hard for his team

to get up for Holy Names after the big match against O'Dowd last week. That match, combined with Albany being pegged as the team to beat, gives opponents incentive and forces the Cougars into the task of getting up for every match.

"The intensity wasn't there," said Ott. "Having the O'Dowd game so early in the season took a lot out of us. I think everyone plays tough against us. They played as tough as this was their league title. Give Holy Names credit they played well. They have talent."

Holy Names coach Brad Morey was not disappointed with the loss. He felt that playing up to Albany's level for a while was a good sign for the future of this young team.

"For us to lose like we did shows the quality of our team this year," said Morey. "They mostly found they believe in themselves."

Holy Names has not played O'Dowd yet. The Monarchs play three matches next week, starting with Alameda and De Anza on Tuesday and Wednesday and ending Thursday against O'Dowd at HNC.

Albany has played the two toughest matches on its league schedule. Ott said his team was using the rest of the matches to get ready for the playoffs (the second week of November) and beyond.

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onto the field Sunday. And suddenly it was the 49ers' second possession of the game, and the drive stalled, and he was summoned to try a field goal. The circumstances were eerily familiar—40-yard line, left hash. It was the exact same kick he'd blown in Detroit, which meant he was getting a second chance, an opportunity for atonement.

The kick was true, a beauty, even if it didn't count. The Giants were called for defensive holding, giving the 49ers a first down. So they gave up the field goal and continued the drive. Brien didn't care. He looked at the game as a tryout, and he was happy for all the chances he could get. "Whatever they gave me I was

Panthers

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In the fourth quarter, Encinal put together another strong drive, combining a pass interference call, a 26-yard pass from Collins to Richard and a short run by Ennis Washington to move to the Panther 17.

But the drive stalled and the Panthers took over on downs with 9:23 to go. From there, St. Mary's ate the clock up on two all-running possessions.

"I didn't see St. Mary's going out of bounds or (throwing) any incomplete passes," Schram said. "And that's the two ways the clock

going to kick," he said later.

When the drive stalled a few minutes later, he converted a 22-yard field goal. And in the third quarter, he made a 46-yarder. It was as if he'd walked through a tunnel of fire and emerged from the other end whole and sound, an important part of the Niners' 20-6 victory over New York.

Later, he thought of the other kickers greedily lining up for his job, how they'd probably watched the game hoping he screwed up. "Too bad for them," he told a few writers. "Hopefully my name tag will still be on my locker tomorrow."

It was meant to be a joke, but he wasn't smiling. He hadn't been saved. He understood that. He'd merely been granted a stay of execution. He's a kicker, and a kicker's job is never safe.

stops in high school football. They did what they had to do: they stretched the clock and got a well-deserved victory."

Hayes made things interesting on the next-to-last play of the game, shooting out of the right side and going 61 yards to the Encinal 1. Richard caught him before he went in for six points but the damage was done. The Panthers ran the clock out and picked up the big win.

St. Mary's QB Koths threw just one pass—a 5-yarder to Frapp in the third quarter. It was, however good for a first down... Hayes wound up with 142 yards rushing while teammate Nathan Frapp ran for 75 yards.

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EC football

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The Gauchos are limiting their attempts to 115.8 yards on the ground and to a microscopic 6 yards in the air.

While El Cerrito's defense may well be the surprise of the '95 season, everyone expected the Gauchos to score in bunches. And they've piled up 134 points in the first four games.

The key has been their running

game, and their spark plug has been Lacy, who started on defense last year at defensive back, while backing up Mitchell on offense. Lacy's been the ACCAL's most explosive runner, ahead of Bishop O'Dowd's Ricky Walker, who's already rushed for 703 yards.

Lacy took the opening hand-off against Alameda for 68 yards and a Gauchos 6-0 lead. After El Cerrito recovered an Alameda fumble on the kickoff, quarterback George Phillips found receiver Donny Davis for a 22-

yard touchdown pass. Lacy ran the ball in for a 2-point conversion. With less than two minutes having expired in the first quarter, the Gauchos led, 14-0.

Lacy played the remainder of the quarter and some of the second before Milo gave him the rest of the day off. He carried the ball six times for 155 yards and two TDs (his second score came on a 47-yard run with 3:13 left in the first quarter), bringing his total to five on the year. In four games he's taken 55 hand-offs and

accumulated 506 yards for an average of 9-yards per carry.

QB George Phillips was 6-of-8, for 96 yards and 3 touchdowns, two to Davis and a 22-yard TD pass to Jamaal Cotright. Sophomore Hartzell Swann, who spelled Lacy, ran for 104 yards, including an 83-yard TD.

"We were fortunate today," Milo said. "Our offense and defense clicked, but I know Alameda was hurting." Hurting may have been an understatement, because the Hornets were short 11 players due to injuries.

Albany

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Freeman. "That really hurt us," said coach Freeman.

A key moment in the game came when Germany, who finished the season on 9 of 15 pass completions for 9 yards, attempted a quarterback sneak for the two point conversion. He was stopped short by Piedmont's Jeff Peters and Ben Kerr, giving the Red Dogs a precarious 15-14 lead.

"Our guys are just frustrated at this point," admitted Cougar coach Freeman. "They felt that they played well enough to win. We started passing too late."

"I still think we have a good team with some great athletes. You have to understand, we lost five starters. We have a lot of kids who have never played before, and football is a game of knowledge."

Albany plays Kennedy in a 3:30 home game tomorrow.

Berkeley

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"It (the turnovers) wasn't just De La Salle, it happened against Piedmont, it happened against Bishop Amat, where we'd fumble the (bleeping) ball away." Thus far, the Jackets offense hasn't steamrolled anyone, averaging 11 points. This, exacerbated by the turnovers, and Tuiasosopo has a right to be ticked off.

On the ground the Jackets moved the ball some against the Spartans led by Leonard Jackson's 74 yards.

From Berkeley's standpoint what makes it so pertinent that the Jackets score points is that it appears as if their defense will be a force for the duration of the BVAL season. The Jackets "D" surrendered just one TD in each of their first three games, and De LaSalle's final TD came on an interception return.

ALBANY/BERKELEY SOCCER LEAGUE

U10 Boys

Thundervikings 2 Richmond Best PAL 1

For the Thundervikings, Noah Flessel scored on a nice cross from Tyler Block and Shaun Burl scored on a breakaway pass from Flessel. Block was outstanding at midfield, leading several drives down the field.

Bobby Gordon and Wiley Rogers played well on defense and goalie Erik Johnson made three key saves in the second half to preserve the victory.

For Best PAL, Chris Garcia scored a goal. Yaw Yiadom sparked the offense and Kzuo Hoffman was aggressive on defense. Omar Buatista played an excellent game in the goal.

U12 Boys

Magic 0 Barracudas 0

The Barracudas' Eliseo Cabrera and Vincent LaRiza were outstand-

ing, while for the Magic, captain Mark Samansky and Ansel Schmidt closed down the Barracudas offense.

Dire Wolves 2 El Cerrito Dolphins 0

For the Dire Wolves, Sam Marthinsen and Jacob Rinaldi scored goals. It was Marthinsen's sixth of the season. Adam Alcaben assisted on both. Center fullback Han Barrett-Liu and sweeper Ian Jones also played well on offense. Goalies Reese Bullen and Michael Estes were solid in goal.

Class Three Teams

U12 Boys Red Dogs 5 Delta Strikers 0

Red Dogs goals were scored by Doug Fisch, Jared Tara, Joe O'Donnell, Rafael Pinheiro and Devin Scott. Assisting were Vincent Townsend and Gabriel Catalfo. Luke Frazer played aggressively on defense.

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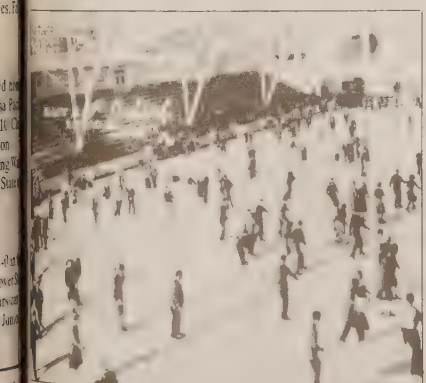
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OUT ABOUT

By Frosene Phillips

"They tell me this is home," said Tower of Power lead singer Bobby Byrd Saturday night at The Fillmore in San Francisco. "This is here tonight to party?" he asked. The response from the packed set of the energetic tone for the next 90 minutes. The legendary band had returned to the Bay Area and the Bay Area was ready to party.

TOP's original members Emilio Castillo, Stephen "Doc" Kupka, Francis "Rocco" Prestia's presence are the foundation of a band now in its 27th year. In the early 80's, they were thought to be dead but as they approached their 20th year the tune changed. Bobby Byrd, band leader and founder Castillo. The longevity was a plan, yourself, don't follow the trends," Castillo told me by phone. "If you're true to yourself, you'll be happy."

The credo has obviously paid off. Opening the show with a song from their latest CD for Epic Records *Souled Out*, the band's upbeat and anticipatory. Additional numbers from TOP's 1995 did not stop the audience from singing along when inspired by Bill Graham when I was 16," Castillo shared. "My mother that we needed to go back to the garage for a year. A memory obviously relished by Castillo and enjoyed by the audience. Graham was to eventually sign TOP and record the band's *East Bay Grease*.

Brent Carter comes to TOP after stints with such notable acts as Belle and BeBe & CeCe Winans. The native New Yorker roots began in church and include studies at the High School of Art. Carter's stage presence radiates and with soulful vocals to match.

TOP has also added outstanding lead saxophonist David "Pete" Fluegelhornist Barry Danielian and Bill Churchville, Herman Matthews in addition to Nick Milo on keyboards and Grillo on guitar. The acclaimed and legendary horn sound of that is as famous belongs to James Brown, it seems Emilio honors Mr. Brown with a soulful and funky tune "Digga Brown."

"What is the eternal question?" Castillo energetically asked the audience. It didn't take much pondering for a response. The band ped into "What is Hip?" The encore was followed with a song by Bill Graham, Jerry Garcia and TOP drummer Herman Matthews about to wed by performing "You're Still a Young Man." The show closed with "Oakland Stroke." A perfect final reminder of the band's established across the bay.

WEEKEND SCENE: Banda Celebration with Banda Peligro and Banda Trueno at Kimball's East...Clayton Friday and Orquesta Original Saturday at Kimball's Clayton Ilturroz Sunday at the Maybeck Recital Hall...Jazz Scott's... Mark Holzinger Friday and Adam Levy and Bill Ilturroz at Daniel's in Albany... Nob Hill Sounds Sunday at the Veterans Memorial Building.

Jackie McLean and the Cedar Walton Trio at Yoshi's...Jazz Thursday at Coffee Head...Ken Kanikapila and the Temple Bar...G.T.S. Band at Brennan's...Sonny Rhoads Bobby Reed and Surprize Saturday at Eli's Mile High Club...Jungiz Apart at the Paradise Bar...Music in the Terrace Lounge at the Claremont Hotel...and his 17 piece Orchestra Monday at the Radisson Hotel.



Tower of Power returned to the Bay Area last Saturday night for a warm supportive welcome. L-R: Bill Churchville, Bobby Byrd, Carmen Grillo, Emilio Castillo, Barry Danielian, Stephen "Doc" Kupka, Nick Milo, David "Pete" Fluegelhorn.

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This week

Berkeley jazzes up Sunday afternoon

An all-star jazz aggregation — including pianoman Ed Kelly, drummer Eddie Marshall, guitarist Calvin Keys, saxophonist John Handy and bassist Ron Belcher — will headline the first Berkeley Jazz Festival, a free, outdoor event to be held Sunday, Oct. 8 from noon to 6 p.m.

The Berkeley Jazz Festival, which will recall the days of the famed annual but defunct UC Berkeley Jazz Festival, also will feature guitar virtuoso Ray Obiedo, jazz stylist Faye Carol and the Kito Gamble trio, Joyfull Noize, an Eastbay gospel a cappella group, and the contemporary jazz-funk musical group, Alphabet Sup.

Staged near the UC Berkeley campus, the free, outdoor festival



Faye Carol and daughter Kito Gamble are on the program.

will take place at the intersection of Durant Avenue and Bowditch Street. Both Durant (between Telegraph and College) and Bowditch (between Bancroft and Channing) will be closed to traffic during the Sunday afternoon festival.

Jazz guitarist-composer Ray Obiedo is one of the Bay Area's most prolific jazz, pop and fusion musicians, whose versatility ranges from Latin and Afro-Brazilian to jazz, pop and rhythm and blues. Obiedo's latest CD for Windham Hill Records is titled "Zulaya," which is best described as a tropical stew with guest appearances by singer-percussionist Sheila E. and steel pan artist Andy Narell.

Completing the jazz festival bill are singer extraordinaire Faye Carol and her daughter, pianist Kito Gamble, who will lead her own trio. Gamble is a product of the Young Musicians Program at UC Berkeley. She has traveled extensively with the award-winning Berkeley High School Jazz Ensemble and Combo and has performed in concert with countless jazz veterans, including Billy Higgins, Steve Turre and Branford Marsalis.

Joyfull Noize, a Bay Area-based gospel aggregation known for its uplifting messages, soaring vocals and silky a cappella sound, has been described as "McFerrin-esque" and likened to the innovative a cappella gospel group, Take 6. Led by director Shawn Lloyd, the Bay Area musical group is noted for its versatile style, which ranges from jazzy, hand clapping hip hop to soul searching, traditional gospel hymns.

The Berkeley Jazz Festival All Stars — Kelly, Keys, Marshall, Handy and Belcher — are major stars in the Bay Area's jazz constellation.

Kelly, a respected music educator, has recorded and performed with countless jazz and pop artists, most notably saxophonist Pharoah Sanders and Bobby McFerrin. Kelly, a faculty member at Oakland's Laney College for the past 20 years, is also principal pianist for the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, which is led by Kelly's son, Terrance.

Keys, whose career has spanned more than 25 years, is also active on the Bay Area club circuit and he is also involved with programs with public schools and colleges in the Bay Area, including Concepts Cultural Gallery's "Blues in the Schools" programs.

John Handy has played with a veritable who's who of jazz and blues, including Lowell Fulson, Gerald Wilson and Charles Mingus. Handy, an accomplished reedman who plays alto and tenor sax, saxello, bass and alto clarinets, flute, oboe, among many others, is currently working on a second album with his group, Class, a four-member group composed of violinists Julie Carter, Sandi Poindexter, Tarika Lewis and Yehudit Lieberman.

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Windham Hill recording artist Ray Obiedo will perform Sunday.

Local theater salon to debut Oct. 14

theater company in Berkeley making a small but vital wager: that East Bay theatergoers are looking for a place as much as a place to go. "We sensed a need for a Berkeley theater salon," says Lawrence, one of three founding members of the Speakeasy Theatre Company. "The East Bay has lots of professional and amateur theater groups. We didn't know where, however, that regularly met in a place where theater patrons and theater professionals could meet, network, and share a love of the art."

says James. The company's first production, *The First Ever Speakeasy Salon* (Oct. 14), is a day-long benefit at the Black Pine Circle School that will be part theater, part entertainment, and part party (food, beverage, and — if all goes well — dancing).

For this event, STC has lined up monologists Anne Galjour and Josh Kornbluth, and several well-known musical performers. Proceeds from the benefit will go toward the purchase of lighting equipment for the Black Pine Circle Theatre.

The benefit will give East Bay residents a good idea of what's to

come at the Speakeasy Salon—a late-evening gathering that STC will sponsor the first Saturday of each month. Just as important, the benefit will allow STC an experiment in community building.

The idea of sponsoring a social event for the purpose of building a theater community is hardly a novel one, STC admits.

"San Francisco theaters have been doing this for years," says Giovanni Rodriguez, an STC director and co-founder. "The Climate and other downtown theaters have found all sorts of interesting excuses to throw parties." Rodriguez cites the Climate's

Anon Salon, a monthly theme party which has become a fixture in the South-of-Market arts community.

STC wants to do for the Berkeley flatlands what theaters like the Climate have done for SoMa. Future salons will feature East Bay monologists, poets, filmmakers, and other artists.

For its efforts STC hopes to gain a faithful and loyal theater community. Regardless of the outcome, however, the experiment will have been worth trying, says Rodriguez. "At the very least, we'll have had some fun."

For information call 331-9595.



Sylvie (Whoopie Goldberg) and Rebecca (Elizabeth Perkins) look for the future.

East Bay Events

Maybeck hosts Schumann specialist

Cuban-born pianist Antonio Iturrioz performs at Maybeck Recital Hall this Sunday, Oct. 8, at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

Iturrioz gave his first public recital at age 8. When he was 15 he won both the California Youth Symphony and the San Francisco Symphony auditions for Liszt's E flat piano concerto.

Following three years of recuperation from hand surgery necessitated by the flare-up of a high school injury, Iturrioz began learning the complete piano works of Robert Schumann. Berkeley pianist Julian White coached him during this project.

Because of his hand injury, Iturrioz has studied many of the most important works written for the left hand alone.

His Maybeck concert will include works by Schumann, Chopin, Scriabin and Gottschalk.

Maybeck is at 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. Call 848-3228.



Iturrioz

Full of fun and meaning

The charismatic acoustic trio Final Girl — Eve Decker, Andrea Prichett and Lisa Zeiler — takes the stage at La Peña Cultural Center Friday to perform its riveting vocals and socially relevant lyrics. Karen Ripley opens the show, which starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 to \$10; Copwatch benefits.

La Peña is at 3105 Shattuck in Berkeley; 849-2568.

For kids...Plum City Players present songs and stories at La Peña's children's show this Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Ann Hershey, Bonnie Lockhart and Nancy Schimmel comprise the troupe. Admission is \$2 for kids, \$3 for adults.

Sephardic specialist in Albany

Judy Frankel, known worldwide for her performances of Sephardic music, will perform this Saturday at 8 p.m. at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.

Her repertoire is accompanied by guitar or oud, hand drums and tambourines. She sings in 20 different languages, and has released two CDs: *Stairway of Gold* and *Sephardic Songs of Love and Hope*.

Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 at the door. Children 11 and under are half price; seniors \$2 off. Call 548-8708.

Second Sunday organ series starts

Charles Sundquist plays works of J.S. Bach, Sweelinck and Berveiller on the Flentrop organ at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley on Sunday, Oct. 8. A reception for the artist will follow the 5:30 p.m. performance.

Sundquist is director of music at Princeton High School at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Jersey. He holds a Prix d'Excellence from the Conservatoire de Région Rueil-Malmaison, France, where he studied with Marie-Claire Alain.

An offering will be received. The concert is part of the Second Sunday Series.

Arhoolie throws a party

Arhoolie Records of El Cerrito celebrates its 35th anniversary Oct. 6-8 with concerts at UC Berkeley, Slim's and the Great American Music Hall. Some of the celebrants are Flaco Jimenez, Marc and Ann Savoy, C.J. Chenier, Johnny Otis, Paramount Singers and California Cajun Orchestra.

Friday's program at UC Berkeley's International House, 2299 Piedmont, includes two free programs, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m., on "The Mexican/American Condo as Popular Literature and Unofficial History."

Tickets and complete event information are available at Down Home Music in El Cerrito: 525-2129.

KPFA presents Kingsolver

Author Barbara Kingsolver will speak Saturday, Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. at Martin Luther King Jr. High, 1781 Rose St., Berkeley. The prolific Kingsolver is author of three major novels including *Pigs in Heaven*, collections of short stories and essays, and two non-fiction books. She has also written for *The Nation*, *The New York Times* and *Smithsonian*, and has received numerous literary awards.

Her appearance is sponsored by KPFA Radio, East Bay Express and Cody's Books.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Call 848-6767 ext. 611.



Kingsolver

Pianist plays for home audience

Berkeley pianist Julian White returns to the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, One Lawson Road, Kensington, for one of his every-popular recitals Oct. 7, at 8 p.m.

White performs throughout the United States and Europe; in addition, he is a composer, teacher and recording artist. His compositions include numerous piano works, song cycles for baritone and piano, and music for the ballet.

Saturday's concert will include Claude Debussy's "The Engulfed Cathedral"; Maurice Ravel's "Gaspard de Nuir"; Dmitri Shostakovich's "Three Preludes"; and Sergei Prokofiev's "Sonata No. 8 in B flat."

Tickets are \$15 general, \$10 seniors and students. For more information call 531-4587.

Slide skills for artists

Berkeley Art Center's annual class for artists on how to take slides of their own work will be held Oct. 11 from 7 to 10 p.m. Artist Benny Alba leads the class. A donation of \$5 is requested.

More East Bay events next page

People

E.M. Smith joins Pacific Bay

The San Pablo mortgage office Pacific Bay Bank announces the appointment of E.M. Smith as a consultant. Smith comes to Pacific Bay with nine years experience in banking and real estate. Smith owned and operated an accounting and bookkeeping service for seven years, and was a partner in building custom homes. Pacific Bay Bank is a full-service bank serving West and Central Contra Costa County. The San Pablo mortgage division offers conventional and government loans to the local community. "We have a long history of providing competitive and quick, efficient service," Smith said at a recent interview. Smith serves on the Community Home Fair and Golf Tournament committees for the West Contra Costa Association of Realtors. Co-chairperson for the Community Committee. "I have an eye for detail and the importance of deadlines,



E.M. Smith

having worked with builders and contractors. I look forward to establishing professional relationships with the real estate community," Smith concluded. Smith can be reached at 222-3311 or 215-3388.

By H.W. Moss

P.T. Barnum was an unabashed 19th century self-promoter who made millions in part by taking every opportunity he could to put his name before the public.

Today self-promotion remains one of the few relatively cheap tools available to real estate professionals, or anyone else for that matter, who find themselves working in a difficult market. From the Internet to a broker's brunch, it's not just open houses that help buyers decide to write offers.

Real estate in California has not turned bullish despite what most industry observers would consider reasonable mortgage interest rates and an overall reduction in property prices. Sales in most parts of the state remain relatively flat which has prompted some to develop a few creative marketing techniques in order to help boost business.

In addition to affecting the real

estate professional, sluggish sales hurt other segments of the industry as well, such as mortgage banking and fire insurance, to name but two. Although most of us would be hard pressed to think of

Readers from across the country are able to access information about Berkeley ...

ways to drum up business in those arenas, at least one mortgage broker has found an unusual method of warming up his Monday morning sales calls.

Ader Gandhi said recently he has become known in the business. See WEB, next page



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Real Estate Symposium at Claremont Resort and Spa

Grubb & Ellis Company's Donald J. Bruce, industrial specialist in the company's Oakland office, is a speaker on the topic "The Future of Brokerage Firms/Bay Area Commercial Market Update" at the Real Estate Symposium sponsored by Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean and Grubb & Ellis.

The program will be held on Friday, Oct. 6, at the Claremont Resort and Spa at Ashby and Domingo in Oakland.

Prior to joining the Oakland office, Bruce was a sales manager in the company's San Francisco office. He held the additional responsibility of industrial council director for the Pacific Northwest regional offices. Bruce is a 17-year real estate veteran who focuses on industrial products throughout the Bay Area, primarily in the East Bay.

Bruce has held the positions of vice-president of Corporate Realty Services and senior vice-president of the Northwest Region for Grubb & Ellis. He has been recognized with many accolades through the years, most notably being named Broker of the Year by Lincoln Property Company. In addition, Bruce has been called upon as an expert trial witness and has lectured at numerous conferences.

The featured speaker of the symposium is Robert Edelstein, co-chairman of Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics at UC-Berkeley.

The other speakers are Jim Gribi, senior geologist for Century West Engineering; Michael P. Carbone, Michael D. Cooper, Charles A. Hansen, Howard W. Lind, and Christine K. Noma, partners with Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean. They will discuss environmental and real estate law, and bankruptcy issues in leasing and management law.

The program has been approved for four hours of minimum continuing legal education by the State Bar of California and four hours of continuing education credit by the California Department of Real Estate under the Consumer Protection designation.

It is open to commercial property owners and developers, real estate brokers, property managers, corporate real estate executives, real estate professionals and attorneys.

With offices nationwide, Grubb & Ellis Company offers commercial brokerage and consulting, property and facilities management, appraisal and auction services.

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ness community as "the guy who gives tours at the museum."

Gandi, senior loan consultant with 1st Nationwide Mortgage in San Francisco, is a docent at San Francisco's new Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA). The museum, which opened in its architecturally significant building in January, is so popular there is usually a 20-minute wait outside for tickets in the morning.

Gandi has begun offering free 45-minute "sampler tours" of SFMOMA in the evenings. The tours have proved so popular he immediately fills up and has had to limit attendance to licensed real estate professionals only.

Conveniently, that is the center of his target market. But Gandi's marketing and self-promotion does not stop there. He also holds free seminars for real estate professionals on a variety of business topics. His next is on phone skills.

"If you're going to have a hook," Gandi said when asked how effective his docent tours were, "it's not a bad hook to have."

Still, he added, no amount of self-promotion or innovative marketing can take the place of making those telephone calls the next day.

"But they become 'warmer'

calls," Gandi said.

The traditional methods of bringing in buyers still work and there really is no substitute for holding houses open, placing the property in a multiple listing service and advertising it. But even then, following Gandi's example, it is not hard or expensive to add a little sweetener.

Offering a cookie at the door is one method. Another is serving brunch to brokers which can be expensive. But the benefits of both have the effect of keeping someone on the premises after they have arrived — which is a valuable achievement. First impressions may be the best impression, but the longer someone stays the more they will remember and note the amenities of any particular property.

Perhaps the newest method of reaching out to the public is on the Internet.

Ira Serkes, a Berkeley RE/MAX broker, has his own Web page located at <http://www.homebuyersell.com/Realtor>. He says that although he has not sold a property directly through the Web, readers from across the country are able to access information about Berkeley, and his brokerage, they would not otherwise see.

Serkes puts a considerable

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amount of information on his homepage.

"What consumers want to know," Serkes said, "if they're looking to buy, is what's the price, what does the house look like, what are its amenities, what's the neighborhood like, transportation, all these things. By setting up a Web page, it allows buyers to find out these things and a little about ourselves and our buyer-broker services from their own home or office any time of day, seven days a week at their convenience."

Serkes said he gets about 20 bits a day, Web-speak for visitors to his site.

"Meeting people at open houses," Serkes added, "it's an extra connection. It's like handing someone your personal presentation package, a background of your services, instantly."

Serkes called his Web page "An extra level of marketing which gets people's attention. From across the country, visitors can look at and research Berkeley real estate."

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ing is just beginning. Serkes knows where it will lead.

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Untold 'treasure' lies in Oakland's flatlands

Kent Gabel

This is one in a series of profiles of East Bay neighborhoods.

Maxwell Park is an Oakland neighborhood with an identity crisis. Well within that part of the city known as East Oakland's "flatlands," it also hugs the more affluent foothills to the east. Bounded by Interstate 580, it is sandwiched between Brookdale Park and the elegant expanse of Mills College, and is centered around tiny Maxwell Park itself. The name evokes memories of the city's most bumbling secret agent, Maxwell Smart. Like the classic character, the park has suffered from a lack of recognition. On any map of Oakland, and you won't be able to locate the Maxwell Park that sits below High Street between Allendale and 19th Avenue. Go there yourself, and you won't find an official Oakland Parks and Recreation sign. But you will find a hilly, wooded retreat that resembles a miniature Dimond Park.

In an April, 1921 Tribune article, John P. Maxwell was cited as the original developer of the Maxwell Park area. The Croleys, his family home on the site, that is now known as Maxwell Park. In the mid-70s, Eugene Croley willed the house to the City of Oakland. It was used by the Oakland Parks and Recreation Department as a training center until the early '80s. Later Pan Co-op Nursery School took up residence thereafter and now has an enrollment of 100 children. Parents recently improved the house with the addition of a deck which they funded through themselves.

Disturbed by the park's overly hilly image, local residents formed the spirited 'Friends of Maxwell Park.' The group is still

new, but it has some big plans for the small park.

Twin guiding lights of FOMB are Deborah Acosta and Suzanne Tipton. Acosta has long been active in Oakland neighborhood issues, while Tipton promotes local happenings in the monthly MacArthur Metro.

Their monthly meetings deal with considerations such as improving the park's lighting and safety. Both are bullish on the neighborhood surrounding Maxwell Park.

And so is local homeowner and federal lawyer Jocelyn Burton. A Maxwell Park resident for three years, she said, "Being a single woman, I wouldn't live here if I didn't feel safe. Perhaps the park could use more lighting, but area visibility seems fine. And we have excellent participation here in the Neighborhood Watch program."

"The neighbors really look out for each other and we've been developing a 'Share to Care' guide, which will list services for local residents ranging from gardeners to plumbers. I live on Allendale, and we have a great block party here every summer."

"It's really a great neighborhood to live in. People here are very proud of the area, and they tend to keep up their properties pretty well. You don't forget that you're living in the city, but people have great little gardens, and they share their produce. It doesn't feel uncomfortably urban, although it's close to the freeway, with plenty of stores on nearby MacArthur Boulevard."

"Here you won't see any properties offered above \$300,000, nor any below \$140,000. So it's affordable, but not deteriorating. I think it's an undiscovered treasure. You can get a stately old home with interesting features on a decent lot in a quiet neighbor-

See MAXWELL, next page



Jeff Lindquist — STAFF
Deborah Acosta, right, takes a walk through Maxwell Park with Suzanne Tipton and her 15-month-old son Nell.

'This is the first time we've lived in a bigger city, but we feel right at home since people here watch out for each other. Visually, it's pretty because you can get some views of the South Bay. It's really an interesting area.'

JEANNE RAFFA, MAXWELL PARK RESIDENT

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This charming cottage, built in 1912, is set in a garden paradise overlooking the bay. Great El Cerrito location. Possibility of subdivision. DORIS ALEXANDER 527-9111/273-9538

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Traditional 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath Kensington home with Golden Gate views, big yard with fruit trees and veggie beds, large rumpus room and workshop. TODD HODSON 527-9111/273-9515

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When it's your move...

Huge Home and Garden Fair is this weekend in Pleasanton

The popular Alameda County Fall Home & Garden Show will be held this weekend at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

The show has a three-day run on Oct. 6, 7 & 8. Hours are Friday, 1 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission is \$4 for adults; children 12 and under, free. The Alameda County Fairgrounds charges \$3 for parking.

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Road weary shoppers will find everything they need for their home and yards, all in one location.

Improve your home indoors with new lighting fixtures, jetted bathtubs, floor coverings, closet organizers, range hoods, wood floor refinishing, heating and air conditioning, household cleaning supplies, stoves and ceiling fans, kitchen and bathroom renovations, bottled water, window treatments and alarm systems.

Enjoy the exterior of your home year-round with vinyl siding, wood deck renewal, sunrooms, fire retardant roofing, fresh paint, windows, cool weather landscaping, and garage doors.

OFF THE BEATEN PATH

An entire building - as well as outdoor exhibits - will be devoted to landscape displays where you can discover the talents of the Tri-Valley's best landscape artists.

Among the featured landscape exhibits are water gardens, concrete borders, various types of sod, patios and decks, and a variety of products and services for your yards and gardens.

Backyard Wonderland is a spectacular outdoor display. This panorama of ideas will include a waterfall, play system, plants and trees, outdoor furniture, stepping stones, a spa, barbeque and planters.

Back for the eighth consecutive year is the popular FTD Floral Competition. Top FTD florists compete for awards in this themed competition. This year, FTD presents Halloween Boo-quets.

An unusual feature, new to this fall's show, is a cross section exhibit of a straw bale home. These

unique homes are made by stacking straw bales like bricks, securing with rebar pins, and then interior and exterior surfaces are applied.

When you visit this display, located in the Hall of Commerce, be sure to sign up to win a five-acre parcel of land in Colorado where you can build one of these homes.

Taking center stage at the show is an Estate Auction featuring antiques, exotic furnishings and collectibles from all over the world. Viewing begins on Friday, Saturday and Sunday when the show opens, with the main auctions beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Don't miss our informative seminar series, held on Saturday and Sunday, which includes how-to instruction on various household projects and garden-related topics. Talented FTD Florists will also be featured in our seminar line-up.

Michael Wenig, Author of "Don't Get Nailed" will be on hand at the show in the Hall of Commerce to answer questions and present a seminar during the show. "Don't Get Nailed" is a must book for anyone about to hire a contractor or do any building improvement.

The San Francisco Chronicle/Examiner is featuring two special sections at the show to help showgoers stay on top of home improvements between home shows. The Chronicle's "Home" section showcases the latest crazes and what's new in the home and garden industry.

The Examiner offers "Habitat" which brings perspectives in home-related stories. Stop by booth #106 for information, prizes and surprises.

TRAILBLAZERS

"I want everyone to be glad that they came," says Karl Damron, show coordinator. "As we see the beautiful colors of autumn change, it brings to mind that the holidays are not far away."

"Now is an opportune time to make plans to 'dress' up your home. Whether it's a beautiful face lift with new paint, a kitchen with new cabinets or a complete remodel, you should come join us at the show."

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Area Home Sales

ALAMEDA
 3042 Alta Vista - \$165,000
 339 Broadway - \$156,000
 1701 Central Ave. - \$123,000
 1 Cotella Circle - \$316,000
 1361 Court St. - \$163,000
 242 Inverness Ct. - \$215,000
 1231 Mound St. - \$225,000
 101 Nottingham Dr. - \$340,000
 2715 Otis Dr. - \$190,000
 918 Pearl St. - \$235,000
 115 Ratto Rd. - \$257,000
 1117 Rosewood Way - \$238,500
 610 Santa Clara Ave. - \$350,000
 2101 Shoreline Dr. - \$159,000
 1321 Webster St. - \$114,500
 1327 Webster St. - \$79,500
 17 Wellfleet Bay - \$345,000

ALBANY
 555 Pierce St. - \$128,000
 716 Santa Fe Ave. - \$262,000

BERKELEY
 2428 10th St. - \$156,500
 1439 8th St. - \$110,000
 4 Acton Circle - \$183,000
 1010 Allston Way - \$172,000
 678 Alvarado Rd. - \$180,000
 1101 Amador Ave. - \$327,000
 2238 California St. - \$193,500
 1111 Camelia St. - \$152,000
 1148 Cedar St. - \$205,000
 1161 Keith Ave. - \$350,000
 130 Panoramic Way - \$550,000
 2931 Regent St. - \$210,000
 1821 San Pedro Ave. - \$265,000
 2201 Virginia St. - \$124,000

EL CERRITO
 2262 Carquinez Ave. - \$230,500
 5347 Cypress Ave. - \$155,000
 1924 Downey Pl. - \$280,000
 7418 Seaview Pl. - \$220,000

EL SOBRANTE
 4569 Elmwood Rd. - \$130,000

EMERYVILLE
 4 Commodore Dr. - \$75,000

OAKLAND
 6135 Acacia Ave. - \$810,000
 9 Bowling Dr. - \$742,000
 5250 Boyd Ave. - \$181,000
 2150 Braemar Rd. - \$305,000
 3943 Buckhalter Ave. - \$170,000
 411 Cavour St. - \$279,000
 645 Chetwood St. - \$132,500
 3643 Columbian Dr. - \$134,000
 6109 Contra Costa Rd. - \$154,500
 3883 Coolidge Ave. - \$189,500
 2541 Delmer St. - \$244,000
 988 Franklin St. - \$157,000
 988 Franklin St. - \$137,000
 525 Haddon Rd. - \$170,000
 7550 Hansom Dr. - \$239,000
 67 Heritage St. - \$220,000
 4101 Howe St. - \$108,000
 1 Kimberley Ct. - \$312,000
 3874 Lyman Rd. - \$300,000
 3132 M.L.K., Jr. Way - \$140,000
 6025 Mazuela Dr. - \$880,000
 5665 Merriewood Dr. - \$155,000
 5617 Moraga Ave. - \$312,500
 5400 Mountain Blvd. - \$113,500

6330 Pinehaven Rd. - \$460,000
 10745 Russet St. - \$177,500
 4346 Short Hill Rd. - \$286,000
 10 Tate Terrace - \$250,000
 1630 Trestle Glen Rd. - \$307,000
 4405 West St. - \$105,000
 6035 Wood Dr. - \$852,500

PIEDMONT

210 Highland Ave. - \$545,000
 910 Kingston Ave. - \$275,000
 64 Manor Dr. - \$310,000
 79 Sandringham Rd. - \$842,000

SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 17
 LOWEST PRICE: \$79,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$350,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$215,970

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$128,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$262,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$195,000

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 14
 LOWEST PRICE: \$110,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$550,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$227,000

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 4
 LOWEST PRICE: \$155,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$280,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$221,375

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 1
 PRICE: \$130,000

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 1
 PRICE: \$75,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 31
 LOWEST PRICE: \$105,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$880,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$291,080

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 4
 LOWEST PRICE: \$275,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$842,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$493,000

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The mansion that was formerly home to the Croley family is now occupied by Peter Pan Co-op Nursery School.

Maxwell

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Paul and Jeanne Raffa are Maxwell Park homeowners with three small children. "One thing I like about it is that it's an older neighborhood, with mature trees; and no two houses look alike," says Paul Raffa. "Streets are winding. The terrain can be really hilly. Sometimes little Maxwell Park doesn't appeal to the kids, so we take them to the grounds of nearby Mills College."

"Paul's right about the hills," says his wife. "Some areas are so steep that I don't want the kids there. But you can comfortably walk on most of the streets. This is the first time we've lived in a bigger city, but we feel right at home since people here watch out for each other. Visually, it's pretty because you can get some views of the South Bay. It's really an interesting area."

"Most people are homeowners, and there aren't any multi-unit apartment buildings," adds Raffa. "That makes it safe and stable."

We've been here about eight years, and we've never had any crime. There are a lot of retired people, but there are lots of young couples with little kids, too. People refer to this area as 'the flatlands,' but some of it is higher up than 'hills' areas on the other side of the freeway."

Paul Glancy, another local homeowner and parent, lives in Maxwell Park with his wife Robin.

"It's very affordable here," he says, "but it's in a very positive flux now. Just on my block, there have been at least two homes that have been dramatically improved. It's a friendly place; and it's moving up!"

Paul Chin sums up the appeal of Maxwell Park. Chin is a single homeowner who works on the staff of Berkeley's La Pena Cultural Center. He's been here for 15 years. And he emphatically likes it.

"I like the diverse mix of the neighborhood; blue collar, white collar, white, black, old, young, Hispanic, Asian, single, and mar-

ried. I have a dog, and so do several other people around here. That cuts down on crime because dogs are notoriously protective of their owners. But it also increases interaction among the people. You walk your dog, and you often run into others who are doing the same thing. We're a community here."

"I see the area changing, with some of the elderly moving on, and more younger residents replacing them. Crime can still sometimes be a problem, but the

neighbors are more vigilant in watching their own property, but actively involved in the community."

Maxwell Park is an optimistic about the future of the neighborhood, hopeful that the obscurity of both the city park and its housing will fade.

Of course, neighbors feel they have a responsibility to the community. They already know

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Fall flower faire

The Oakland - East Bay Garden Center, Inc., and the Oakland Office of Parks and Recreation are sponsoring an annual Fall Flower Faire at the Garden Center in Lakeside Park, 666 Bellevue Ave.

The faire will be held on Oct. 7 and 8, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and include plants for sale, a flower show, demonstrations, plant doctors and urban gardeners.

On sale will be fuchsias, succulents and other general garden plants. The flowers in bloom will include a special display of dahlias plus fuchsias and others.

The public is invited, admission is free, but there is a \$2 park parking fee. For more information, call 482-5252.



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THE HENDRICKSES

Norwegian invasion

We recently sold Casa Del Soul, an extraordinary house high in the Berkeley hills built around a courtyard with an unmistakable Mexican flavor, to the nicest people — a funny young family from San Francisco. And when I say funny, I mean sense of humor par excellence. Two parents, married to each other, three kids, a Volvo and a van, the promise of a dog, and enough energy to drive anyone without a sense of humor nuts, in a minute.

The transaction was completed in less than a month from start to finish despite the fact that the family was on vacation for half the time, because those funny Souls (not their real name) were really motivated. They had sold their San Francisco home and wanted to be settled before school started in September.

Most everything in the house had been upgraded and it was decorated with wonderful materials and colors — definitely not done for speculation. It really felt great just being there. The central courtyard was a real plus, sort of an overgrown playpen for active kids — no worries about uninvited guests.

The seller gave us a list of disclosures a mile long — mostly about the things that she had upgraded and improved. A broken this or that was included as well, and as an afterthought, a gopher hole in the courtyard which had been recently noted, was mentioned. Oh well, every home has at least one imperfection, thought the Souls and their agents.

A couple of days after the Souls moved into their beautiful new home their six-year-old son reported seeing a "mouse," which he pointed out to his father, who knew at once that the mouse was neither mouse nor a gopher from the disclosed hole, but rather, an unexpected, uninvited and unwelcome rodent of a different kind, a rat! A mouse might have been captured and brought to school for show-and-tell, but this guest was not a laughing matter.

Mrs. S. called the Alameda County Vector Control office, from which she learned that it was probably a sewer rat — Norwegian roof rats don't burrow and this rat appeared to be entering the courtyard from the alleged gopher hole, underground. And, they cautioned, since the little critters could swim rather well, it would be wise to keep the lids on ... the toilets.

After securing the toilet seats, Mrs. S. borrowed our oversized Have-A-Heart trap, which was set with gooey peanut butter as an inviting bait. The next morning when the Soul family gathered excitedly around the Have-A-Heart to check for a well-fed trapped rat, they found that it had managed to dine without setting it off.

The next night the rat returned to

discover an empty but working trap. And so, on the third morning, the family was able to gather round the trapped rat and identify it, using the materials provided by Vector Control, as a Norwegian roof rat after all.

Toilet seat lids safely up again, Mrs. S. called Earl's Pest Control, one of the companies recommended by Vector Control. She wanted someone to come out, fix the problem, define the problem, make the rats go away. First, they tried to convince her that it was really only mice; then, sent someone out who, insisting it was the only way, left poison.

Mrs. S. objected to such a measure, fearing that it might harm her children and their invited guests, not to mention the local forest animals, but the inspector said that was the only way to get rid of the rodents.

He said that he would be back in two weeks to determine just how much of the food had been eaten, which would lead him to a conclusion regarding how many rats (he still believed that she was oversteering) there were. The next day, the boxes had been dragged some two feet from their original location and both were practically empty.

Frustrated by the continuing saga at Casa Del Soul, lots of questions, and many opinions but no active solutions, Mrs. S. sought alternative measures; she called our old friend Sheila, Berkeley's resident rodent expert. Sheila knows about rats because many years ago her basement was filled with them after she had exclaimed once too often, "Oh, rats," in response to spilled milk or some other misfortune.

Sheila is an amazing person and, having been beset by the same problem, albeit from a different source, she knew exactly what to do. Once Sheila was on the scene, the problem was correctly identified and the method of correction outlined.

At the time of this writing Mrs. S. is waiting for an estimate from a plumber to close up some broken pipes under the house which have been used as an entry tunnel into the sun-filled courtyard by burrowing Norwegian rats, which do not swim or pop up out of toilets to nip little children's behinds.

All of this proves, I think, that if you are truly P.C. you can solve anything. That's "Personally Connected," not politically correct. When you have a problem, ask around until you find someone who has had a similar one and has solved it before you call the experts.

Barbara and Dennis Hendrickson are partners in The Hendrickson Company. Send questions to Hills Newspapers, Real Estate, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619, or call them at 540-6000; fax: 548-6865.

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AUGUST 1995 REGIONAL SALES AND PRICE ACTIVITY*
Regional and Condo Sales Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Median Price	Percent Change in Price from July 95	Percent Change in Price from Aug. 94	Percent Change in Sales Activity from July 95	Percent Change in Sales Activity from Aug. 94
Calif. (sf)	\$183,180	1.6	-1.4	10.2	-2.0
Calif. (condo)	\$136,820	-1.0	-3.9	21.1	0.5
Region					
Central Vly.	\$108,260	-2.0	-3.2	8.3	-2.7
High Desert**	\$ 98,330	0.1	-5.4	-12.4	-23.1
Los Angeles	\$185,170	4.0	-3.0	3.5	0.3
Monterey	\$239,580	4.0	7.4	21.5	5.8
Nor. Calif.	\$135,980	-0.1	0.8	27.0	-5.1
Nor. Wine Co.	\$191,020	0.5	1.0	20.1	-11.1
Orange Co.	\$206,910	-3.3	-5.1	7.4	-14.1
Palm Springs/Lower Desert	\$120,420	-7.4	-6.0	31.8	11.1
Riverside/S.B.	\$121,370	-1.4	-5.8	24.4	12.4
Sacramento***	\$120,500	0.0	-2.8	9.5	-13.0
San Diego	\$174,340	-0.6	0.5	40.7	-7.4
S.F. Bay	\$265,800	0.5	2.2	21.6	8.4
Sta. Barbara**	\$214,660	5.7	-6.5	4.0	-22.1
Sta. Clara	\$265,620	3.6	3.3	18.7	8.5
Ventura	\$203,210	0.3	-4.5	25.7	-4.2

* Based on closed escrow sales of single-family, detached homes only (no condos). Reported month-to-month changes in sales activity may overstate actual changes because of the small size of individual regional samples. Movements in sales prices should not be interpreted as measuring changes in the cost of a standard home. Prices are influenced by changes in cost and changes in the characteristics and size of homes actually sold.

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Closed escrow sales of California detached homes jumped 10.2 percent during August, the largest monthly percentage increase experienced in more than one and a half years, the California Association of Realtors (C.A.R.) reported today.

"The recovery in California's housing market, which began in May, gained significant momentum during August," said C.A.R. president Ed Albers. "We expect home sales to continue improving this fall, setting the stage for a solid rebound in 1996. Home prices also have been increasing in many regions in California during the last several months — a trend we expect to continue next year."

Among highlights of C.A.R.'s August resale housing figures:

• Statewide, 458,110 existing, single-family detached homes

closed escrow during August on a seasonally-adjusted, annualized basis, up 10.2 percent from a revised annualized rate of 415,810 homes sold in July.

• The August sales pace declined only 2 percent from the August 1994 annualized rate, when 467,370 homes were sold. This marked the smallest year-to-year decline in home sales since October 1994.

The annualized figure represents what would be the total number of homes sold during 1995 if sales occurred at the August pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors which influence home sales.

• The statewide median price of an existing, single-family detached home sold during August was \$183,180, up 1.6 percent from a revised \$180,360 in July.

• The August median price was

down 1.4 percent from \$184,100 in July 1994, when the median home sold for \$185,000, marking the smallest year-to-year decline in the median since September 1994.

"The economic recovery in California is finally having a tangible impact on the state's housing market," said Leslie Appleton-Young, vice president of research and economics.

"Home sales increased slightly during August, a month before, sales were slightly down from a year ago, continued to improve the housing market," said Appleton-Young. "The sustained recovery in California's housing market is a sign of a stronger growth in the overall economy, thanks to a tremendous economic effect of home sales."

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Crime: the price we must pay for living in the big city

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This summer, as well as last, my children attended a day camp in Berkeley called Math/Science Camp. They loved it. When camp was over each day, if they wanted to, they could play computer games while they waited for me.

My son Nick, who's 11, never missed the opportunity. One day as I tried to get him to leave the computer and come with me, he said, "Wait, Mom! Look at this. I just had a nuclear meltdown." Impatiently, I looked. I learned only that the name of the game is Sim City.

The next day as we got in the car, Nick said, "I got 'no crime' in my city." What? "My crime level is zero," he said, then told me that in this game the player creates a city. He selects the industry, parks, schools, fire stations and police departments for his city. Disasters strike at random but none had occurred that day, and Nick had provided so many police that there wasn't any crime anymore.

"Wow," I said, suddenly more interested. "Think what that would mean. If we had no crime in Oakland, for instance, everyone would want to live there. People could live anywhere. They wouldn't be afraid. The prices of houses would

change, businesses would want to move in. The whole economy of the city would be different. Incredible!"

I'd never thought about such a thing before. I began to wonder why we don't spend whatever amount of money it would take to make crime stop. Was it possible? How long would it take, how many policemen, how much money?

And then I stopped. I must be missing something, I thought. I know nothing about city planning. Surely those who do know have already considered this idea. But what an idea! I was enjoying thinking about it. No crime. People able to walk anywhere at any time, live anywhere. A city attractive to everyone.

When I was growing up in Oakland we lived on Coolidge Avenue. There was a little grocery store a few blocks away and a dime store a little further. My sister and I used to walk to them by ourselves. My mother would send us to get a quart of milk and she'd let us take a dollar to the dime store to buy a birthday present for a friend. When we were a little older, we often went alone on the bus to downtown Oakland.

I don't think young kids do these things anymore. Times have changed. People are worried about crime, talk about it, want to avoid



TARPOFF & TALBERT

A woman called yesterday who is thinking of buying a house. First and foremost, she told me, she wants to be able to safely walk in her neighborhood. We hear this all the time, of course. Buyers used to ask for a quiet street. Now they ask for a safe neighborhood, and we have to ask, "What do you consider safe?"

In the current *Berkeley Monthly*, author Gail Sheehy says that a third of American men between the ages of 25 and 34 are living at home with Mom.

Sheehy says, "These kids haven't had safety. They don't feel safe on the streets, they don't feel safe in school, they don't feel safe in sex and intimate relations. They don't feel safe making emotional commitments such as marriage because so many of them are products of broken marriages. They don't feel safe in the job

market and they can't even leave home."

This is startling — a third of young American men still living at home, apparently in large part because they've never felt safe and still don't. Even if we were able to eliminate crime, these people would still feel unsafe in a number of ways.

But what about the others? Some people are still carrying on. However frightened they may be, there certainly are people who live on their own, have jobs, and are able to choose an acceptable neighborhood to live in. We know because we sell houses to some of them.

Many are single women, women who make good money by working hard and smart, women who seem to be happy and optimistic.

They come to us wanting to find a place to call their own. From the start they are realistic about what that home can be and where it will probably be located. Some can afford a "crime-free" neighborhood but many cannot, and we find that they are willing, eager, to do the best they can.

Half a dozen immediately come to my mind. Two who bought houses for around \$150,000 near Mills College in Oakland, one on a nice, tree-lined North Berkeley

street for \$240,000, one in West Berkeley for \$135,000, another in the hills for more.

They all checked out their neighborhoods before they bought — talked to the beat cop, talked to people on the street. And I suppose that they are watchful, careful, remember to lock their doors. They all report contentment. They are all glad that they bought their own houses.

Probably they wonder sometimes, as I do, if there is a better place to live. Somewhere in Illinois maybe, a little town where life is slower and crime is less and housing is cheaper. But if such a

place exists, in order to leave our jobs and the way of life here. And grew up in Illinois, never go back. There's less crime but it's very there.

I guess we all wish we had it all. I guess we all want to get it.

Pat Talbert and are licensed agents and are available for consultation or to add your name to our mailing list, call Tarpo Ltd., at 653-2050.

Check out books on garden

The Oakland East Bay Garden Center, Inc., has a library with emphasis on books on plants, gardening and horticulture.

The library has 300 reference books available for use at the library and 900 circulating books on 30-day loans.

The books are available to Bay Area residents for an

\$2. The library is open 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (holidays) and is located at Garden Center, Bay Lakeside Park, 666 Bay For more information, call 5252.

The fax for the Real Estate Editor is 339-4066

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE TO OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

- 5943 GRIZZLY PEAK, Dramatic Contemporary! Very Special! J. T. Ward Realtors, Gayle Tantau 845-6021 \$950,000
- 6101 MAZUELA DR, Montclair, NW w/Trd'l Flair, Pano View The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400 \$929,000
- 6076 MAZUELA DR, 4bd/3 1/2ba, New Estates Community The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400 \$849,000
- 6000 BROADWAY TER, Unique 4++bd, Sep AuPair or Ofc, Serene J. T. Ward Realtors, Barbara Wilcox 845-6021 \$829,000
- 6632 LIGGETT, Home w/Attached Legal 2nd Unit, Lg Gated Dbl Lot Gadsby & Associates, George Gadsby 748-5300 SUNDAY 1-5 Price Reduced! \$799,000
- 22 SHERIDAN DR, 4bd/3+ba New Construction, SF & Bay Views Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, David Ichikawa 547-8978 \$799,000
- 2007 BYWOOD, Oakmore 4+bd/4 1/2ba, Gorgeous!! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, K. Florence 869-4250 \$795,000
- 5940 MONZAL AVE, New Custom 4bd/3 1/2ba, Lvl Dbl Lot, Stylish The GRUBB Company, Jeanette Roach 339-0400 \$739,000
- 1260 GRANDVIEW DR, Prestigious Location, 4bd, Pvt Gdn Courtyd Wells & Bennett, Marie Kenaga 339-1774 \$728,000
- 5860 BUENA VISTA, Upr Rckrdge 5bd/3ba, \$Reduced! Kit/Fam Rm Coldwell Banker, Dee Knowland 339-6460 \$724,000
- 5410 FERNHOFF RD, Skyline 4bd/3 1/2ba, Gourmet Kit, Pool/Sauna The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400 \$699,000
- 3161 ROBINSON DR, 5bd w/Pano Views, Lg Lot, Motivated Seller J. T. Ward Realtors, Miriam Wilson 845-6021 SUN 2-4 Financing Incentives Available \$699,000
- 2992 BURDECK, Mendt Estate, Pvt Drive, Bay Vws, 4/4 +In-Law Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 839-9197 \$695,000
- 5665 WEAVER PL, Skyline Remodeled 4bd/3ba, Park-like Setting The GRUBB Company, Don Woolhouse 339-0400 \$675,000
- 1955 MANZANITA, Montclair, Dynamic! Luxury! 3bd/3ba Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, H. Converse 869-4212 \$675,000
- 159 EL CAMINO REAL, Stunning 4bd/2+ba Contemp, Rumpus, Loft Coldwell Banker, Ruth Lockhart 339-1174 \$675,000
- 142 BEECHWOOD DR, Claremont Pines, New 5bd/4b, Gourmet Kit The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankin 339-0400 \$649,000
- 4914 PROCTOR AV, Nw Medit, Upr Rockridge, Chef's Kit, Mstr Ste Coldwell Banker, Donna Ranslem 339-1174 \$649,000
- 1160 DRURY, 4bd/3 1/2ba Vw Contemp, Rec Rm, Frml DR, Fam Rm Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174 \$629,000
- 5844 BIRCH CT, Rockridge Landmark, 3 units + Shop, Garage, Loft Templeton Company, Jan Fougner 652-2133 X138 SUNDAY 2-4 \$595,000
- 5914 BRUNS CT, Montclair 4+bd/3+ba Remodeled Trad, Library Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460 \$589,500
- 3719 BRUNELL, Oakland Hills New 4+bd/3 1/2ba Colonial, Bay Vw Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, R. Marshall 655-6165 \$559,000
- 6856 EXETER DR, Montclair 3bd/2 1/2ba, 3000 sq ft, Views!! Better Homes 339-4000 \$559,000
- 919 LARKSPUR RD, Crocker 5b/3b French Normandy, Cul-de-sac Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460 \$549,000
- 12032 BROADWAY TER, Montclair 3bd/2 1/2ba, Nw Custom Blt, Vw Better Homes, M. J. McConville 287-9583 \$549,000
- 5937 BUENA VISTA, Rockridge 4 1/2, Fam Rm, Vw, Gdn, Reduced The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400 \$549,000
- 930 AQUARIUS WAY, Custom Medit, Bay View, Unique Art Studio Wells & Bennett, Peter & Ellen Nicolopoulos 339-9780 \$525,000
- 708 GRIZZLY TER, North Hills 4bd/2+ba New Trad, Pvt Hill Vw Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460 \$525,000
- 51 BAY FOREST DR, North Hills 4bd/2+ba Nw Listing! Bay Vw Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460 \$499,500
- 6117 ASCOT DR, Montclair 5bd/3ba, New Listing! Fam Rm w/Prpl Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460 \$499,000
- 1854 GRANDVIEW, Hiller Hghlnds, Brand Nw 3/3, Outstanding! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Millione 869-4233 \$499,000
- 5987 RINCON DR, Spacious 6bd/3 1/2ba, 3 Story, Large Decks, Vw Coldwell Banker, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174 \$479,000
- 6801 GUNN DR, Montclair 4bd/3ba, Major \$ Reduction! Fab Kitchen Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460 \$469,000
- 6642 LONGWALK DR, A Frank Lloyd Wright INSPIRED Design Hme \$457,000 Will Uher 531-9381 SAT/SUN 12-5 Secluded 3bd/2b w/Adj Lot, SunDeck
- 9 SCHOONER HILL, Hiller Hghlnds, Just Listed! 2bd/2 1/2ba, Frpl Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174 \$449,000

- 6045 CONTRA COSTA Rd, Rckrdge Sharp Remod 4/4 Contemp Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460 \$449,000
- 5910 ASCOT DR, Montclair 4bd/3ba Traditional, Private, Serene Better Homes 339-4000 \$449,000
- 509 MOUNTAIN BL, New Colonial, cul-de-sac, Gourmet Kit, Fam rm The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400 \$449,000
- 608 CALDWELL, New, Berk Style Craftsman, 4bd/2 1/2ba w/Detail Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174 \$445,000
- 4808 CALDERWOOD, Ridgemont Contemp, Lavish Mstr, Huge Lot Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 839-8412 \$430,000
- 6532 ESTATES DR, Montclair 4bd/2+ba, Family Rm, Park-like Yd Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460 \$409,000
- 400 ELYSIAN FIELDS DR, Custom 4/3 Overlks Sequoyah Golf Club \$400,000 The GRUBB Company, Helen Buty 339-0400
- 2749 CARISBROOK DR, Pied Pines 3+bd/2ba, All Lvl, Lg Pvt Yard Al, 531-1166 Agent SUNDAY 1-4:30 Kitchen/Fam Rm Comb Office \$399,000
- 3230 ROBINSON DR, 3bd/2ba w/Loft, SF/Bay View, Hot Tub! Peter Ralston 530-2960 SUNDAY NOON-3:30 PRICE REDUCED! \$398,000
- 17 WINDWARD HILL, 3bd/2 1/2ba One of a Kind Twtnsh, Upgrades Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174 \$389,500
- 19 BAY FOREST, Ridgetop Retreat 3bd/3 1/2ba, 2 Frpl, Skylites Coldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-1174 \$389,000
- 2011 ASIOMAR DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba, Pristine Single Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Cecelia Shinn 644-5439 \$379,000
- 253 FLORENCE AVE, Gracious English 3bd/2ba Tudor, Family Rm Coldwell Banker, Ken MacDonald 339-1174 \$379,000
- 6401 BROOKSIDE, Upr Rockridge, Highest Quality, New 3 1/2 Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, J. Dunn 869-4215 \$379,000
- 4335 SEQUOYAH RD, 4+bd/3ba Large Medit, Rumpus, Ofc, 1/3ac Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460 \$379,000
- 2085 DRAKE DR, Montclair 4bd/3ba, Lvl Property, Seduced Patio The GRUBB Company, Jean Simmons 339-0400 \$375,000
- 5125 CROCKETT PL, Montclair 4+bd/3ba, New Listing! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202 \$374,000
- 4343 SHORT HILL, Sequoyah Hills 2bd/2 1/2ba, Lvl In Ranch, Lg Lot Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Barry Klein 644-5423 \$364,000
- 2821 CHELSEA DR, Montclair 4+bd/3ba, Updtd Kit, 3 Decks, Spa The GRUBB Company, John Kamay 339-0400 \$359,000
- 6329 CHELTON, Just Reduced! 4bd/3ba, Piedmont Pines, SF Vws Wells & Bennett, Jaya Bhimani 482-0860 \$359,000
- 5656 BUENA VISTA, Upr Rckrdge, New 3bd/2ba, Fam Rm, View Owner/Agent 655-0391 SUNDAY 2-4 \$359,000
- 10620 CAMERON, 2 Story 4/3, Cath.Ceilings/Vw Windw, 2-Car Gar Gallagher & Lindsey, Nick Ferreira 748-1904 \$349,000
- 2200 TIFFIN RD, Oakmore 3+bd/3ba Storybk Colonial, Details! Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460 \$349,000
- 6115 ROCKRIDGE BL SOUTH, 3bd/2ba, Hdws, Skylites, Frml DR Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846 \$342,000
- 5942 MAZUELA, Montclair 2bd/2ba Special Home w/Bay Views Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Joan Alford 530-6431 \$339,000
- 8135 SKYLINE, Montclair 4bd/2 1/2ba, Space/Charm, 3 Frpl Pacific Union, Dolores Thom 834-2010 \$338,000
- 25 MASONIC PL, Upr Rockridge, Lg Remodeled 4bd/2ba, Comfort Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202 \$335,000
- 4946 STONERIDGE Ct, 3bd/2+ba, Sweeping Bay/Canyon Vw, Lvl Yd Pacific Union, Roby Mohr 339-6460 \$324,000
- 365 61ST ST, Rockridge, New Listing! 4/2 Brown Shingle Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, D. Otero 869-4239 \$319,500
- 730 WALA VISTA, Crocker Hghlnds, 3bd/1 1/2ba, Gourmet Kitchen The GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400 \$319,000
- 4416 SHEPHERD ST, Redwd Hts 3bd/2ba, Pvcy, Craftsman, Charm Mason-McDuffie, Suzie Dahlgreen 428-0900 \$319,000
- 5008 CRYSTAL RIDGE, Lg Corner Lot, 3bd/2ba, Mstr, Frml DR Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174 \$318,000
- 636 LONGRIDGE, Crocker Hghlnds 4bd/2ba, Best Buy, Credit/Pest Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, P. Cormford 869-4231 \$315,000
- 1814 CLEMENS RD, Beautiful Oakmore Tudor 4+bd, Hardwd Floors 482-4282 SUNDAY 2-5 Large Fenced Yard/Partial Bay Views \$309,000
- 4490 ARCADIA, Oakmore, Reduced \$40K, Huge 4bd, Quiet Street Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X131 SUNDAY 3-5 \$299,900
- 16 ELSTON CT, Glenview, 3bd/2b, Glorious! Describes this Beauty Better Homes, Hal Marcus 339-9281 \$299,776

- 1995 WRENN, Upr Oakmore 3bd/2ba Cutie, Montclair Schools Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Lani Clarke 869-4210 \$299,000
- 6280 GIRVIN, Just Listed! Level In/Ot, Rumpus w/Prpl, Chaml Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-9536 \$299,000
- 9455 SKYLINE, Montclair, New 3bd/2ba Listing, Contemp Beau Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, d. Kelley 869-4259 \$299,000
- 80 STARVIEW DR, Hiller, Great Buy! 3bd/2 1/2ba, Hills/Bay View Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174 \$299,000
- 4811 TRINIDAD AVE, Oak Hills 3bd/2ba w/View, 2-Car Garage Owner 376-8147 SUNDAY 1-5 Deck, Hot Tub, Montl \$299,000
- 739 MANDANA BL, Crocker, \$Reduced! Mint! 3bd/1ba, Garw. The GRUBB Company, Susan Veit 339-0400 \$299,000
- 6745 SOBRANTE, Montclair 3/2 Gorgeous Multi-Lvl, Best Buy! By Owner 339-8191 SUNDAY 1-5 Clean Termite, Custom Off \$299,000
- 5131 PARKRIDGE DR, Just Listed! 3bd/2ba, Remod Kit, Lg Lot Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174 \$299,000
- 1948 OAK CREST DR, Upr Oakmore 3bd/2ba Trad, Pvt, Pano, Bttr Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400 \$299,000
- 1857 MAGELLAN DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba New Listing! Remod Pacific Union, Joan Hause 339-6460 \$299,000
- 3878 HANLY, Oakmore 3bd/2 1/2ba, Room for All! 2 Family Rm Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202 \$299,000
- 5954 CLAREMONT AV, Rockridge, Nw Crtsmn Duplex 2/2+1 Bttr Homes, Julie Reynolds 339-8400 \$299,000
- 4628 STAUFFER PL, 3bd/2ba, Spac Kit opens to Patio, 2 Car Gar Owner 531-0138 Lvl w/Flagstone Frpl, Abundant Storage \$299,000
- 44 SPYGLASS HILL, Hiller Hghlnds 2bd/1 1/2ba Pvt End Unit w/Bttr Homes, Nancy Donnelly 339-8400 \$299,000
- 30 CONRAD CT, Montclair 2bd/2+ba Spl Lvl, Cul-de-sac, Dbl Lvl Pacific Union, Donna Costello 339-6460 \$299,000
- 405 ALCATRAZ AVE, Sharp Duplex, 2bd Units, New Bath, New Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846 \$299,000
- 6726 SARONI DR, Montclair 3/2 Sharp Contemp, Upgraded Kt Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460 \$299,000
- 4326 ARDEN PL, New Listing! Oakmore Renovated 3bd, Nw Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 644-4100 \$299,000
- 1023 EVERETT AV, Glenview 3bd/1+ba New Listing! Decor Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460 \$299,000
- 9475 SKYLINE, Montclair, New Listing! 3bd/2ba Rancher Mason-McDuffie, 339-9290, R. Thomas 869-4245 \$299,000
- 5450 ASCOT, Sunny, Private 2bd/1 1/2ba All Lvl Colonial Rancher Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400 \$299,000
- 6900 SAYRE, Montclair 2bd, Gorgeous, Woody Lot Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, J. Dunn 869-4215 \$299,000
- 7090 HOMEWOOD DR, Montclair 2+bd/2ba, Wooded Setting, Dbl Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460 \$299,000
- 842-842A WALKER, Grand Lake 2 Units, 2bd w/frpl up, 1bd w/frpl Owner 834-8768 SUN 10-3 & MON 4-7 5% Down, Price Reduced \$299,000
- 3356 CRANE WAY, Just Listed! A "Jewel" 2bd/1+ba, Lg Yard The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400 \$299,000
- 5216 DESMOND ST, Rckrdge 2bd/1 1/2ba Bungalow, Garden Mt Investment House Realty, Jeanne Yeh 527-8777 \$299,000
- 4520 REINHARDT DR, 2bd/2 Grt Bath, Lovely Canyon Vw, Dbl The GRUBB Company, Katherine Cooper 339-0400 \$299,000
- 370 EUCLID AVE, Adams Pt 3bd/2ba, All Level, Updtd Kt, Frml Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460 \$299,000
- 3361 VICTOR AVE, Redwd Hts 2bd/1+ba, One Lvl, Nw Listing! Pacific Union, Sandra Klemmer 339-6460 \$299,000
- 3644 VIRDEN, Redwd Hts, New Listing! 2bd/1ba, Big View! Better Homes, M. J. McConville 287-9583 \$299,000
- 3942 WOODRUFF, Glenview 2bd/1 1/2ba Charming Bungalow, Mt Better Homes, Martha Shin 531-8643 \$299,000
- 2532 CASTELLO ST, Large Med/Cook's Kitchen, 1930's Charm The GRUBB Company, Kathleen Callahan 339-0400 \$299,000
- 4450 39TH AVE, Redwd Hts 2bd/1+ba Spl Lvl, Pvcy, Garden Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460 \$299,000
- 4743 DUNKIRK, 3bd/2ba Immaculate Ranch on Large Lot Winters Realty, John Bickley 893-2921 SATURDAY 2-4 \$299,000
- 5237 SHAFTER, New Listing! Rockridge Victorian, 2+bd, Bttr Coldwell Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174 \$299,000
- 9 MOSS AVE, Pied Av, Charming Br Shingle, 3bd/2ba, Sepa Barry Gilbert RE 482-3166/547-4020 \$299,000

To place a listing in the Open Home Guide, please call 339-4046.

DEADLINE: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

Winans named top 500 in national poll

Qualified Remodeler magazine named Winans Construction, of Oakland, to its 17th annual list of the Top 500 Leaders in remodeling nationally. This is the company's fourth consecutive year on the list.

Being ranked among this elite group is a singular recognition for the remodelers who have worked hard to build their businesses over the years and whose professionalism has enhanced the remodeling industry and has given it credibility.

Recipient of numerous local and national awards, Winans Construction specializes in residential remodeling, historic restoration and new residential construction.

Paul and Nina Winans, both Qualified Remodelers, founded the company in 1978. Paul Winans is currently serving his third term as president of the San Francisco Bay chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Institute.

Qualified Remodeler is a national magazine which has been published for more than 20 years. Its circulation of 100,000 includes residential remodeling professionals and those in related fields.



Ceramic tile workshop

Tackle tile projects yourself with knowledge gleaned from the Building Education Center's "Ceramic Tile Hands-On Workshop," this Saturday and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$190. The center is located at 812 Page St., Berkeley. Call 525-7610 to register.

Events

Wausau Mortgage presents a free seminar entitled **Rehabilitate for Fun and Profit**, on Thursday, Oct. 5, 7 - 9 p.m. at 11875 Dublin Blvd., Dublin. The session will highlight the FHA 203 (K) Loan Program and other below market real estate financing options. Reservations required. Call Barry Cass at (800) 801-1320, ext. 249.

Mark Wilson presents **Selling a Piece of History**, Thurs., Oct. 5, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Fort Mason, San Francisco. Sponsored by Fidelity National Title, the 6-hour, Department of Real Estate seminar presents an overview of why a knowledge of architectural styles can be advantageous when selling historic buildings. Register in advance by sending \$29.95 to Susan Lee, Fidelity National Title, 1388 Sutter St., Suite 1200, S.F., CA 94109. Or register at the door (\$36) at 8:30 a.m. on the day. A light lunch will be served noon - 1 p.m.

The 9th Annual **Alameda County Home & Garden Fall Show** is Oct. 6, 7 & 8 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. There will be more than 400 exhibits, garden and landscape displays, free seminars, play exhibitor bingo, and lots of prizes to be won. Hours are: Fri., 1 - 8 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; and Sun., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission

is \$4 adults, free to children 12 and under. Parking is \$3.

The East Bay Chapter of the California Native Plant Society holds its annual **Sale of California Native Plants**, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7 & 8, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Merritt College Landscape Horticultural Department, 12500 Campus Dr., Oakland. Call 559-9269 or 376-4095.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents **Ceramic Tile Hands-On Workshop**, Sat. & Sun., Oct. 7 & 8, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., \$190; and **Painting: Tricks of the Trade**, Sat., Oct. 7, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75. Reservations required. Call 525-7610.

The Oakland East Bay Garden Center and the Oakland Office of Parks and Recreation sponsor the **Annual Fall Flower Faire**, Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 7 & 8, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Garden Center Building in Lakeside Park, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. The faire will include plants for sale, a flower show, demonstrations, plant doctors and urban gardeners. There will be a demonstration on wood carving and on dividing and growing irises. Free. Parking is \$2. Call 482-5252.

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BERKELEY CT, 2bd/2ba Townhome, Top Oakland Hills Complex \$203,000
Call Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256

WATSON Adams Pt 2bd/1 1/2ba, Vintage, Must See! \$199,000
McDuffie 339-9290, B. Sereda 869-4258

WATSON AVE, Glenview Just Listed! 2bd/1ba, Frml DR, Details! \$199,000
GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400

CARMEL ST, Lincoln Hts 2bd/1ba, Rm to Expand, Patio, Frpl \$199,000
Homes, Ed Marshall 339-4000

WATSON AVE, Glenview 3bd/1ba, Space/Location/Style \$198,000
Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860

WANDANA, Crocker 2+bd/1ba, Best Value in Crocker! \$197,000
Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 339-8400

WILMAN RD, 2bd/1+ba, Lg Eat-In Kit, Frml DR, Sunny Yard \$189,000
Call Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392

FAIRBAIN, 3bd \$189,000
Homes & Associates, Margaret Gadsby 748-5305

CARMEL, Sparkling 2bd/1+ba, Patio, 2-Car Garage \$188,000
McDuffie 834-2010, Alice/John 835-5088

BERKELEY ST, Temescal 3bd/1ba, Immaculate Craftsman \$187,500
McDuffie, Lisa Friedman 834-2010

WATSON AVE, Redwd Hts 2bd/1ba Charming Bungalow \$179,000
Union, Howard Rodkin 339-6460

WATSON AVE, #301, Adams Pt, Huge 3bd/2ba Pristine Unit \$170,000
McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202

MAGEE, New Listing! Lighthearted Space, Privacy, 2bd \$160,000
Call 653-2050

LAGUNA, Up Dimond 2bd/1ba, Cute as a Button! \$155,000
McDuffie, Lisa Friedman 834-2010

CIRCLE HILL, Just Listed! Quiet 2bd, Hdws, Bsmt, 2-Car Gar \$149,000
Call Bennett, Lisa Weil 531-1653

HARRISON ST #21, Rose Garden 2+2 Upgraded Condo \$149,000
Union, Claudia Ellinghaus 339-6460

WATSON AVE, Maxwell Park, New Listing, 2bd/1ba \$145,000
McDuffie 339-8888, D. Otero 869-4239

WATSON AVE, Maxwell Pk, New Listing, 2+bd/1 1/2ba Priced to Sell \$143,500
McDuffie 339-8888, E. Barber 869-4204

WATSON, Charming 2bd/1ba, Major Price Reduction!! \$135,000
McDuffie, Henriette Green 834-2010

WATSON AVE, Millsmont 3bd/1ba, Seller Motivated, Try 3% Down \$125,000
Homes, Dawn Ellis 287-2648

WATSON AVE, Laurel 2 1/1, Ideal for 1st Timers! \$120,000
McDuffie 339-9290, Claude Wilson 869-4222

WATSON AVE, Maxwell Pk 1+4+bd, 2 Story, corner Lot, Gd Area \$115,000
Call RE, John Bickley 893-2921 SUNDAY 2-4

WATSON OAKS RD, Ridgmont 1bd/1ba, All Comforts of Home \$99,950
McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

WATSON AVE, Sunny 2bd/1ba w/Hardwoods, Hot Tub \$1300/Month
Call 734-9905 SUNDAY 11-3:30 Garden, Laundry, Garage

WATSON AVE, 3+bd/2ba \$315,000
Call Bennett, Kim Cleveland 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

WATSON AVE, 3bd + Studio \$269,000
Call Bennett, Kim Cleveland 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

WATSON AVE, Albany Best Buy! Perfect 3bd/1b, Garage, Yard \$216,000
Call RE, John Bickley 893-2921 SUNDAY 2-4

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

WATSON ST, NEW LISTING! 5bd/3ba Claremont Traditional \$650,000
Call RE, John Bickley 893-2921 SUNDAY 2-4

WATSON AVE, Magnif 4 1/2 Spanish Med, 1/1 In-Law \$650,000
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WATSON AVE, Lovely English 4+bd/2ba Tudor, Bay/Hill Vws \$529,000
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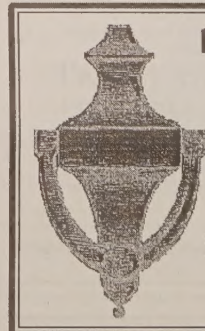
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The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents Basic Electrical Theory and Codes, Wed., Oct. 11, 7 - 10 p.m. \$35. Reservations required. Call 525-7610.

The Golden Gate Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors hosts its monthly meeting Thursday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m. at Hs. Lordships restaurant at the Berkeley Marina. Featured speaker will be Jim Merlone who will discuss defects found in composition and built-up roofing. Reservations are required. Call Dermot O'Kelly at 549-2247.

Somers Canyon Gallery presents Interior Motives, an exhibit featuring works by Katja Oxman, Mark Stock, Leo F. Hobaica Jr., Sharon Sanchez, Margaret Herscher, Daniel Goldstein, Charles Schmalz and Philip Michelson. Guest curator for this mixed media show is Judith Litvich. The show, at 6220 La Salle Ave., Montclair, runs through Oct. 14. The gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday, noon - 6 p.m. Call 339-7363.

Who's Who in Interior Design, a course exploring the most creative, influential and provocative interior designer of our century and how they have affected our homes, public spaces and the products we use daily, will take place Saturday, Oct. 14, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Richardson Hall Auditorium, UC-Berkeley Extension Center, 55 Laguna St., San Francisco. Fee is \$125. Space limited. Call 643-6903.

An Art Exhibit of Japanese stained glass pieces and oil and watercolor paintings of Birds, Clouds, and Oceans by Leigh Keller Rice will be at the artist's studio Saturday, Oct. 14, 4 - 9 p.m., 8740 Don Carol Dr., El Cerrito. Call 524-4300.

On Saturday, Oct. 14, The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents How to Prevent Homeowner/Contractor Disputes, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; Cabinet Installation Hands-On Workshop, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., \$90; and Finish Carpentry Hands-On Workshop, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Sunday, too), \$180. Reservations required. Call 525-7610.

The S.F. branch of the American Fuchsia Society hosts its monthly meeting Monday, Oct. 16, 8 p.m. at the S.F. County Fair Bldg., Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way. April Bosworth will do a pressed flower presentation and workshop. Call (415) 566-4797.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents Solving Residential Drainage Problems, Wed., Oct. 18, 7 - 10 p.m. \$35. Registration required. Call 525-7610.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents Earthquake Retrofitting for Homeowners, Sat., Oct. 21, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; and Plumbing Hands-On Workshop, Sat. & Sun., Oct. 21 & 22, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., \$180. Registration required. Call 525-7610.

A free First-Time Home Buyer Seminar, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, is every first and third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Find out about first-time home buyer programs, get tips from a Realtor on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, home inspections and more. Receive a free loan pre-qualification and a listing of homes for sale in your price range. Reservations required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554.

RAF Mortgage presents free seminars on How to Make Money Using the FHA 203K Rehab Loan, every Wednesday, 7 p.m. at 1722 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Reservations required. Call 528-0767.

Le Tip International, an organization of independent business people devoted to exchanging business leads and helping other members, meets Wednesday at 7:15 a.m. Guests welcome. Call Lisa Schliff at 236-3302.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Maggie Sharpe, Real Estate, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047; Fax: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

Project

Combo kid's piece ideal for smaller spaces

By Don and Dave Runyan

For do-it-yourselfers with children or grandchildren, here's a worthwhile project for their rooms. This sturdy, attractive piece of furniture combines a bed, a desk, and a closet and is ideal for smaller bedrooms. And it not saves space — it's also fun for kids to use.

The bed portion on top fits a twin-size mattress and has railings on two sides for safety. The desk section (lower right) is big enough for a computer and has a handy pull-out shelf for a keyboard. The closet section has shelves for books and toys behind saloon-style swinging doors. The unit also has two big drawers and a big cabinet in front, as well as an easy-to-climb ladder.

This project does take some time, but it's not difficult and is well worth the effort. It requires about 15 board feet of birch and five 4'-by-8' sheets of 3/4-inch birch plywood. Most of the wood cuts are straight cuts. Other materials include dowels, shelf standards and brackets, brass handles, screws, nails, nuts, bolts, glue and finish.

Final assembly should probably be accomplished where the unit will be used. When completed, it measures 6-1/2 feet long by 4-1/2 feet tall by 3-1/2 feet deep and isn't easy to move around.

The 3-in-1 Bunk Bed Unit plan, No. 844, is \$6.50 and includes complete step-by-step assembly instructions with 26 photos, exploded diagrams, a shopping list and a cutting schedule.

A package of four plans for kids' beds, No. C76, is \$18.95 and includes plans for this bed as well as twin-size bunk beds, a car bed and a fire engine bed. A catalog picturing hundreds of do-it-yourself



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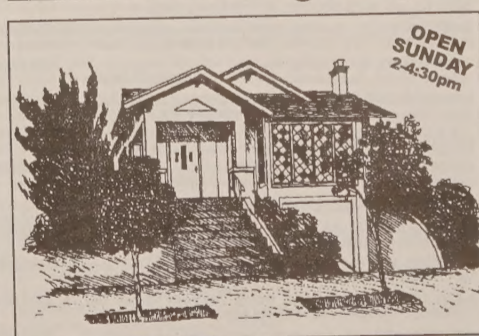
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Letters

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in unnecessary storm reconstruction funds. With the Mayor of Albany, Berkeley, I developed the first program for the cities of Albany, Berkeley, and Richmond to work together on protecting the creeks and creeks that flow through our jurisdictions. I have worked to establish planning processes for development projects at the El Cerrito Plaza and Del Norte that will enable neighborhoods to have a say in what happens. I have worked to create projects that are oriented and transit

on the Bay Area and Development Commission, where I fight to protect our Bay from further environmental degradation. I am the only candidate for council that the Sierra Club and the East Bay League of Conservation Voters has endorsed. I also have the endorsements of David S. Sylvia (McLaughlin Center of Save the Bay), John Steele (Founder of the Save the Lake Tahoe), John Feinstein (Executive Director of the Golden Gate Park Society), Mary Selkirk (EBMUD Director), Helen EBMUD

Director), and Jean Siri, our East Bay Regional Park District Director. I earned these endorsements by working with these people on environmental issues.

In the years that I have been involved with the major environmental issues in the Bay Area and in my four years on the city council the only thing I can say about Mr. Stark's record is that he has no record except to appear at the City Council meetings and oppose our creek restoration program.

With this information, I will let the voters be the judge as to who is the environmentalist and who are my anti-environmentalist opponents.

Norman La Force
El Cerrito

Misplaced coverage

Editor:

I find it disturbing that your paper, which covers the communities of Albany, El Cerrito, and Kensington, is now covering activities in San Pablo. More disturbing is that it's only covering one activity and that is Casino San Pablo activity. Your story of Sept. 28 seems out of place unless, of course, your paper has become a promoter of Ladbroke.

If so, why not cover the story of San Francisco Casino Management (SFCM),

Ladbroke's partner? They spent \$45,000 defeating potential competition from another cardroom in South San Francisco. I've often wondered what would have happened to Albany's "Measure F" if SFCM had fought Ladbroke's ballot measure rather than becoming their partner?

If casinos are your interest, why not cover the story of the Oakland man recently convicted of murdering his two gambling companions and one of their mothers for a \$3,000 gambling prize. He murdered three people (one was dumped into the estuary with pockets full of concrete) and never got the cash.

If your paper is going to join the recent media trend in reporting gambling activities, get ready for big-time nitty-gritty — the stories aren't very nice. In fact, start with a local piece and ask Ladbroke why they lost their gambling license in London — racketeering, anyone?

I'm glad the media is finally getting up to speed on gambling, only sorry that it didn't do it in time to alert Albany residents of the true nature of Golden Gate Fields' casino. I am glad The Journal is taking interest in a broader geographic area. I only wish it would report the other side of this very dirty coin.

As Michael Cornell from

Richmond says about Casino San Pablo, "The day will come when residents of San Pablo and its neighbors rue the time a family bowling alley was replaced with this testament to shortsighted greed and hunger." Even if successful, the CEQA lawsuit against Albany's casino won't even begin to disclose the real negative impacts such a club will bring to town.

Jerri Holan
Albany

Candidate's profile

Editor:

I am running for El Cerrito City Council. I thought your readers might be interested in who I am and how they can obtain more information on what I stand for.

I am 42-years-old. My lovely wife, Judy, is 37. We came to El Cerrito more than 15 years ago and we've lived in the same flatlands house on Carlson Boulevard since we moved here.

I attended Kent State and Wright State universities in Ohio. My major was psychology. Judy is a graduate of the University of Dayton, which is also in Ohio. Her degree is in communications.

I've worked in the computer industry since 1986. For the last three years, I've owned my own

computer consulting and lecturing business. I'm also a contributing editor with LAN Times, a computer networking magazine. I do most of my work at home. Judy works at the El Cerrito Plaza Emporium store.

I'm not a member of any political party or organization, but Judy and I both vote in every election.

I support comprehensive, citywide, community-driven planning for the 21st century. I favor Development which preserves and enhances El Cerrito's character as a city of homes. I strongly advocate increasing opportunities for El Cerritos to vote on major issues, including large-scale redevelopment projects and all new taxes.

My campaign brochure goes into more detail on these and other issues. For more information, Journal readers may call me at 526-9600, fax me at 526-9063, write to my campaign committee at 8515 Betty Lane, El Cerrito 94530, visit my campaign headquarters on the Internet at <http://www.dnai.com/~thomst/citizen.html>, or send e-mail to thomst@netcom.com.

Thom Stark
El Cerrito

Redefine priorities

Editor:

It's clearly in the best interest of "our children" within the Contra Costa County foster care system and "we the taxpayers" that we urge the county policymakers and the Department of Social Service Administration to redefine the funding priorities of the county's foster care system. It is important that social services and health services work closer with the community to help empower the community with needed resources to help themselves.

At present the county pays foster parents and relative foster care providers \$345 to \$484 per month per child depending on the child's age. No funding consideration is given for day care expenses for foster children in the care of foster parents. In many cases relative care providers would be more willing and able to care for relative children if the county could lessen the financial hardship by providing for foster day care.

In most cases when children are removed from their home, it's in both the best interest of our children and taxpayers to have children remain in the care of a relative. A case in point: Contra Costa County pays big corporate foster care group homes huge amounts of money (upward of \$4,000) per month per child to care for foster children in a sometimes questionable group home environment.

Government tax dollars could

be saved by simply offering child care to foster parents and relative care providers and limiting the number of children in group homes. More quality relative care providers and foster parents could be recruited if child care was an option. More children could remain in the care of relatives, costing the county less by not paying the huge sums for group home care.

The reason the county Social Service Department gives for not providing foster child care is, there is no money! My question to the county is, would it not be more economically efficient and in the long-term best interest of our children and taxpayers to provide the much-needed foster day care and less group home care?

This would help allow many children to remain in the care of relatives or foster parents at a savings to the county by not paying the huge sums to big corporate-owned group homes. These children need special professional counseling and plenty of love. In most cases this care and love best comes from caring relatives.

Fifty-eight percent of the county's foster care children are African-American and blacks make up only 9.1 percent of the county's total population. The county's present policy and priority of funding big corporate-owned group homes rather than provide foster day care and more drug prevention education and recovery programs (which would enable more foster children to remain with relatives or with caring foster parents) is dangerously bordering in "institutional racism."

Rev. Curtis A. Timmons

Effort appreciated

Editor:

This letter is to publicly thank and commend Captain Dave Gibson of the El Cerrito Fire Department and those members of the Public Works Department who were responsible for recently clearing a potentially dangerous fire hazard from a large vacant lot next to my home.

Captain Givson responded immediately to my phone call. He came out to inspect the property and had a Public Works crew sent to cut trees and haul away many years of flammable debris.

Thanks also to Beth Bartke of the City staff for her assistance in locating those who did the job.

The cooperative attitude and concern of our El Cerrito City staffers makes me very happy I moved to El Cerrito. Everyone, especially the Police Department staff, has made my life more enjoyable and safe.

Thanks again to all.
Manning Peterson
El Cerrito

Two companies donate to county food bank

CORD—Two companies associated with Contra Costa County have made significant grants to Contra Costa Food Bank. The grants come during the food bank's 20th year of operation, are to help fight hunger locally. Drug Stores granted \$10,000 that the food bank could use for a new delivery van. The van is a priority according to Larry

Sly, executive director of the food bank.

"Our old van was on the verge of breaking down for good," said Sly. "Having a new van means that we're able to pick up and deliver food regularly without having to worry about whether our vehicle will make it."

The new van is similar to a UPS

vehicle, but it has a liftgate and a heavy-duty chassis in order to carry full loads of canned food. This is essential during the holidays, said Sly, when food bank drivers are busy picking up food from community food drives.

Chevron Corporation chose the occasion of the food bank's 20th anniversary event August 29 to present a check for \$25,000. Ac-

cording to Chevron spokesman Bill Steele, the grant will help pay some of the operating costs of the food bank's Brown Bag program, which provides a free bag of food twice per month to 2,500 low-income senior citizens.

Tracy L. Salisbury, president of the food bank's board of directors, accepted the donation. "We're thrilled by Chevron's generosity."

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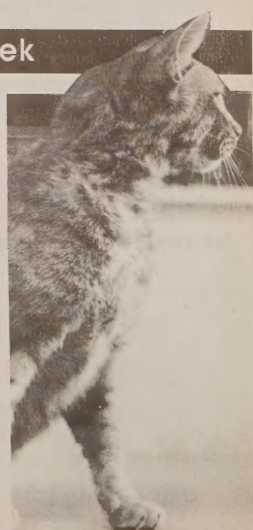
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Pets of the Week



Zekels is a short-haired, black-and-white male dog about 6 months old. He appears to be a border collie/whippet mix — very smart, fast and cute. He has potential as a frisbee dog. Garfield is a large, neutered male orange tabby about 3 years old. He is handsome, mellow and sweet, and loves to eat and sleep in a sunny spot. To adopt these or other pets call Berkeley Animal Services at 644-6755.



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Multimedia Notes

Third party candidate?

Fidel For President? It's right there on the Internet's World Wide Web — The Fidel For President in 1996 home page. "The Ultimate Washington Outsider!" it proclaims. Hey, forget bat-eared billionaire Ross Perot, or even Colin Powell. You want someone with a truly fresh approach to U.S. politics?

Actually, the Fidel home page (located at <http://www.iuma.com/imagesmith/fidel/fidel.html> on the Web) is the creation of a group of clever Santa Cruz Web consultants, Imagesmith. Their tongue-in-cheek Web site even got mentioned in the Washington Post recently, and if you go to the site, you can also buy Fidel for President bumper stickers (\$5), T-shirts (\$19) and even bubble-gum cigars (\$2).

I found out about Fidel's "home page" from political writer Steve Pizzo, who features it in his current political column in Sebastopol-based Songline Studios' Web Review, an online content-review magazine (you can find it at <http://gnn.com/wr>, and more on it in a minute). Pizzo was one of the reporters who broke the S&L scandal and his book about it made the New York Times best-seller list. Now he monitors the presidential Web Sites — real and fanciful — of the Doles, Gramms, Larouches, etc. for that online publication. That even includes Castro's.

Included on the funny Castro Web site is hate mail from right-wingers unclear on the concept, as well as an "obligatory Top 10 list," as Imagesmith puts it. It's titled **Top Ten Reasons to Help Elect Fidel Castro the Next**

U.S. President. We present it for your amusement:

10. With any luck, the shock might make Rush go mute.

9. Had nothing whatsoever to do with the S&L crisis, Iran-Contra ... or EuroDisney.

8. Forty-three percent of Perot voters think he looks like Santa Claus.

7. After the release of "Look Who's Talking Too," offered political asylum to John Travolta.

6. Drab green fatigues guarantee vital "Gen-X" vote.

5. Secret polls say he does better in New Hampshire than Pete Wilson.

4. To help defeat Contract With America: "Free pony rides for the rich." 3. So Newt Gingrich won't be lying when he says there are socialists in the White House.

2. Willing to arm-wrestle Colin Powell: winner-take-all for the free world. 1. Cigars for everyone!

MULTIMEDIA NOTES:

The just-launched Web Review is based at O'Reilly and Associates in the North Bay, and it features several newspaper types transitioning into cyberspace, including yours truly. I was recruited to do a humor column for Web Review, but it's been changed to an Internet "radio" show of sorts, which you can hear starting this weekend through a spiffy new technology called RealAudio. RealAudio can give you real-time radio shows without having to wait to download a sound file. ABC, NPR, CBS and many radio stations have already signed on, and the RealAudio player is free; you can download one through Web Review above (it's only 311,000 bytes, not a big file for your hard drive.)

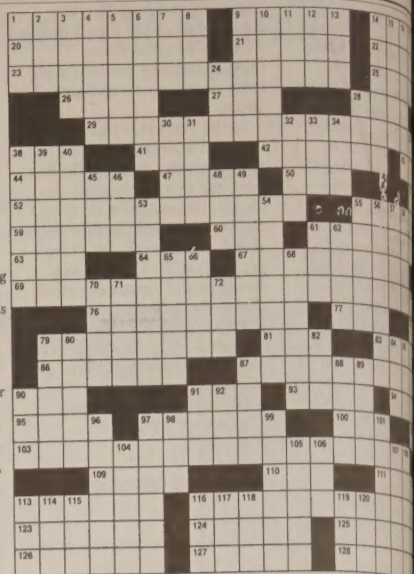
Too much free time: I used RealAudio to listen to a lecture by a British professor the other day. The best thing about RealAudio is that you can slide the pointer over and jump ahead in any sound file. So if Peter Jennings' ABC Radio editorials, for example, get too dry, you can use RealAudio to hop around. NPR's "All Things Considered," etc., are also available now — as well as

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some live football games. You'll be hearing a lot more about RealAudio. Internet radio is now a reality ... Also in the news(?) The Ruby Ridge hearings. Did this story slip under our radar, or was it made into a big story because it, like Waco, involved a bunch of gun nuts boldly defending their Constitutional right to slay intruders? Who cares about Ruby Ridge except the NRA and Co.? I change the channel when, like Whitewater, this "story" comes on ...

More Net Humor: Three more from the list we ran last time. Things to Do When Ordering Pizza: 1. Order a one-inch pizza; 2. Order with a Speak-N-Spell; and my favorite:

3. Offer to pay for the pizza with a public flogging ... Movie stuff: I like sly KTVU movie critic Bob Shaw's review of one new movie (sorry didn't catch the title). Shaw: "If this movie had a face, I'd slap it." And if THIS movie had a face, I might kiss it: I finally got around to seeing the documentary "Crumb." I'd highly recommended this unflinching look at cartoonist R. Crumb's more-dysfunctional-than-most family. I laughed during most of it. Definitely worth a trip to the theater ... Does that far-too-cocky young woman in the latest round of 1-800-DENTIST television ads get on your nerves, too?

KRON's new 4:30 newscast

continues to get decent ratings. Not so Group W's "Day and Date," which airs at the same time. It's being produced at KPIX, and is dying in the ratings and may not last long. But at least "D and D" gives big-boned Dr. Nancy Snyderman some TV exposure, something she just doesn't get enough of ...

David Letterman, you've probably noticed, has moved his Top 10 list to the show's Act Three, after the first guest has departed. Why? One insider says it's partly to keep people tuned in, partly to jazz up the last half of the show. One way to do the latter is to stop booking all those mediocre musical guests. Even David Bowie, one of the few interesting rock musicians, looked bored — and boring — on "Late Show" last week ... Spin control: As they head to New York, think of it this way: The Raiders haven't lost a regular-season NFL game in the Oakland Coliseum in 13 years.

At 12:20 Oct. 12, KDRC-AM (at 1220 on the dial) switches from its long-time classical format to being the Bay Area's first children's station, Kidstar. KDRC-FM will remain classical, says that station's G.M., Dave Kendrick, who cites KDRC-AM's low ratings and the need

to concentrate on the FM profitable as the decision to try the new format. Parents who drive the car around will probably find Kidstar, the creative-based Jodel Segura Live-105 sales manager. Novelist/writer 70 today, and his new "Palimpsest" is just (Random House, \$22) will carry the delight Vidal's Gore Vidal on Thursday, Oct. 2 edition of the New some juicy excerpts Vidal's book ...

Finally, I loved Osgood's line on the other day on the Carnegie Hall's overseen by virtuoso Stern. "They're un-un-Sterned," parodies

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